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EVACUATION AFTER CLOSE OF FIGHTING

Should Enemy Cross Border, Greek Government Would Ask Guarantees

CONFLICTING REPORTS FROM THE NEAR EAST

Bulgarians Fear They Might Be Caught Between Two Fires

London, Dec. 27.—Conflicting reports continue to reach London from the scene of the Near Eastern campaign. Statements from some sources make it appear that the Turkish allies are preparing steadily for an offensive movement, in conjunction with the Bulgarians and Turks. Other advice, however, are that the Bulgarians fear to attack, lest they be caught between two fires in the strip of territory from the Salonica-Dofian to the Salonica-Gievelli railroads.

Would Ask Guarantees.

The central powers still are negotiating with Greece. An interview with Premier Skouliadis forecasts failure of the efforts to prevent an invasion of Greece and Macedonia. It is estimated that if an invasion is undertaken, the Athens government will devote efforts toward obtaining guarantees of the evacuation of Greek territory immediately following the completion of military operations.

Along the western front, Paris reports successful artillery actions of the French in the Champagne, Woeyre and Vosges. Berlin says operations are restricted by incessant rain.

The British public looked forward with keen interest to today's cabinet meeting, expecting that the cabinet would consider the report of the Earl of Derby in regard to his mission plan, with special reference to the effect of this report on the question of military service shall be compulsory.

CONNING TOWER WAS SEEN, BUT NO FLAG

Those on Liner Yasaka Maru Entered Small Boats Quickly

Tokio, Dec. 27.—Detailed advice received here today from Port Said concerning the sinking of the Yasaka Maru corroborate previous statements that the steamship was torpedoed without warning. It is said she was attacked at 2.33 p. m. by a submarine whose presence had not been observed. No flag was visible.

Shortly after the torpedo was discharged two periscopes, one long and one short, appeared above the water within 100 feet of the steamship.

They moved to a position off the stern, on the starboard side, to discharge a second torpedo if necessary.

After the Yasaka Maru had gone down, a conning tower was visible for a brief time at a point about a mile away.

Perfect Order.

The reports describe the manner in which all on board the steamship entered the boats safely, this having been accomplished within ten minutes of the time the torpedo was discharged.

The captain caused the boats to be lashed together. Salts were washed, and in accordance with a plan arranged previously by wireless, a southeasterly course was taken. This was held until midnight, when the French gunboat which rescued the passengers and crew was met.

During the evening the periscopes of the submarine reappeared only a few yards from the boats, but the submarine itself was not visible.

According to a statement made to the diet by the finance minister, there was on board the Yasaka Maru gold to the value of 1,000,000 yen (\$500,000).

BERNHARDT'S CONDITION NOT ENTIRELY HOPELESS

New York, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Sarah Bernhardt is critically ill, but her condition is not entirely hopeless, according to a message from Paris received here today by a motion picture company which has made several films of the actress.

The message was in answer to one sent from here asking for a definite statement concerning Mrs. Bernhardt's condition.

GREEK GOVT. DISBANDS TWO CLASSES OF TROOPS

London, Dec. 27.—The correspondent at Athens of the Exchange Telegraph company says a royal decree has been issued disbanded two auxiliary classes of troops.

NO WARNING GIVEN LINER YASAKA MARU

American Govt. Receives Report From Consul at Port Said

FURTHER NOTES WILL BE SENT TO VIENNA

Only Periscopes of Submarine Seen; No Attempt to Escape

Washington, Dec. 27.—American Consul Bristow, at Port Said, cabled today that no warning was given the Japanese liner Yasaka Maru before she was torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean last Tuesday by a submarine of unestablished nationality. The liner, he added, made no attempt to escape.

The consul's dispatch, which came in response to Secretary Lansing's call for reports on the disaster, was the first official information on the incident, which probably will be the subject of further diplomatic correspondence with the Teutonic powers.

Only Periscopes.

Today's report said the submarine was not seen until after the liner had been torpedoed, and that then only her periscopes were visible. The general assumption is that the submarine must have been German or Austrian.

The case is generally regarded by officials and diplomats here as surrounded with wide possibilities. It has been suggested that Japan might answer the challenge to her shipping by a wide participation in the war, even to the extent of taking part in the operations in Europe.

As Germany already has given assurance that her submarine commanders are under instructions not to attack liners without warning, there is a disposition to believe the attacking boat was an Austrian. If that assumption proves true, it is feared the situation over the sinking of the Ancona will be further complicated, and the diplomatic correspondence with Austria will be broadened to take in the general subject of attack without warning, as it did in the last stages of the negotiations with Germany.

Attitude Unaltered.

Unofficial reports that a favorable reply is being framed by the Vienna foreign office to the last Ancona note have not served to alter the attitude of the state department in the Ancona case.

The report that the reply "will be guided with concern for the good relations" between the two countries, officials take it, means that Austria-Hungary probably expects more diplomatic correspondence upon the subject. The United States is disinclined to enter into any such negotiations.

Should it develop that an Austrian submarine torpedoed the Yasaka Maru without warning, the Vienna foreign office undoubtedly will be asked to disavow the act and to give assurance to govern future conduct of her submarines westward.

RUSSIANS DEFEATED FORCE IN PERSIA

Composed of Germans, Turks and Several Thousand Persian Insurgents

Petrograd, Dec. 27.—The defeat by Russian troops in Persia of a formidable force included in which were several thousand Persian insurgents, is reported in an official statement issued today by general headquarters. The statement follows:

"At several points on the Riga front our artillery silenced enemy batteries.

"South of Ikskul, the Germans attacked our trenches under cover of gas. On the Dvinsk front the Germans repeatedly tried to leave their trenches, but were easily driven back.

"In Persia our troops defeated a German-Turkish force included in which were several thousand rebel Persian gendarmes and others armed with artillery and machine guns. The enemy lost several of his positions. Many were killed or wounded and the rest fled."

TURKS DRIVEN BACK BY BRITISH TROOPS AT KUT-EL-AMARA

London, Dec. 27.—The Turks in an attack on the British forces in Mesopotamia, succeeded in entering the northern bastion of one of the forts at Kut-el-Amara but were driven out, an official statement issued this evening says.

Indian Army Corps Moved From France To Another Theatre

London, Dec. 27.—A British Indian army corps has left France for another field of operations, it was announced officially to-night.

TO KEEP 30,000 OF SERBIA'S PRISONERS

Italian Government Has Found Room for Them in Sardinia

Rome, Dec. 24.—Serbia has turned over to Italy 30,000 prisoners, who are being interned in Sardinia, being accompanied there by Serbian officers.

A dispatch from Marseilles on December 17 said that 40,000 soldiers and 700 Bulgarian, German and Austrian officers taken prisoners by the Serbians had arrived there on their way to a concentration camp.

Fleet at Salonica.

Salonica, Dec. 27.—Prepared to cooperate with the land forces of the allies in the event of an Austro-German-Bulgarian attack, a fleet of British, French and Italian warships was concentrated here today.

Reports concerning the activities of the Austro-Germans and Bulgarians today were conflicting. Some were to the effect that the Austro-Germans were completing their preparations to cross into Greek territory and attack the lines of the allies, but that the Bulgarians and Turks would not participate. It is the opinion here that, lacking the assistance of the Bulgarians, the Austro-Germans cannot hope to muster a force of such proportions as would have any prospects of success against the lines of the allies. These lines have been growing rapidly day after day and are regarded as impregnable. Great numbers of guns of all sizes, including the heaviest French pieces, are on hand and in plain sight. A pronounced spirit of optimism is noticeable amongst the officers and men of the Anglo-French forces.

Montenegrin Successes.

Paris, Dec. 17.—An official statement given out by the Montenegrin consul here today, bearing the date of December 26, follows:

"Our troops in the sanjak continued their offensive and captured several villages from the enemy, including Goudouche, Douvo and Dobrodo. The Austrians sustained heavy losses in the violent struggle for the positions."

NO NEW LOAN UNTIL LATE NEXT SPRING

Sir G. Foster's Statement Regarding \$300,000,000 Not of Immediate Significance

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BRYAN INTENDED TO JOIN FORD IN EUROPE

New York, Dec. 27.—Reports that W. J. Bryan had contemplated joining Henry Ford in Europe were confirmed today, but because Mr. Ford himself is returning to this country, Mr. Bryan will not go to Europe.

It was learned here that he had booked passage for himself and Mrs. Bryan on the steamship Rotterdam, sailing to-morrow. But today Mr. Bryan telegraphed that because of Mr. Ford's return he had indefinitely postponed his trip.

SNOW DEEP.

Constantinople, Dec. 27.—Snow, which in some of the mountain passes is 20 feet deep, is halting the fighting in the Trans-Caucasus. Both Russians and Turks are suffering severely through the inclement weather.

WOULD NOT SPEAK CONCERNING FUTURE

Gounaris Would Not Deal With Possibilities When Speaking to Correspondent

STATED GREECE MUST CONTINUE NEUTRALITY

Declared Greeks Cherished Friendly Feelings Toward Britain, France and Russia

Paris, Dec. 27.—The Athens correspondent of the Matin sends the following:

"Having interviewed M. Venizelos on the subject of the elections and obtained from him an affirmation that his triumph had been demonstrated by the small number of votes polled, I called upon M. Gounaris, who denied there was any considerable number of abstentions and claimed that even if the 300,000 soldiers mobilized had been able to vote the result would have been the same.

"I then sought to ask about the foreign policy of Greece, but M. Gounaris interrupted me, saying: 'Greece's policy is unchanged. Greece is a small state which does not want to be dragged into the war, as that might involve catastrophe like those which have befallen Belgium and Serbia. We are Greeks and nothing else. I am neither a Germanophile nor a Franco-philic nor just a Greek. Germanophiles do not exist in Greece.

Friendly Toward Allies.

"All Greece, even under the present conditions, remains attached to Britain, France and Russia, to which she owes her existence and her development, but you cannot ask that the sentiment should go so far as to lead us, without absolute necessity, into the conflict, and we believe nothing now requires us to cease our neutrality. Greece always will feel keenly whatever happens for better or worse to France but we can do more."

"I then asked M. Gounaris to explain how, if the Bulgarians are the hereditary enemies of Greece, the Greek people could agree to the allies' army falling back indefinitely before the Bulgarians on Greek territory.

Future Development.

"Now you are going into the domain of the future," he replied, and I cannot enter into that. I am speaking only of accomplished facts and the attitude they impose upon us. I cannot speak of the future."

"I remarked that such silence might be considered significant and then M. Gounaris explained, 'I do not even authorize you to draw deductions from my silence.'"

REVOLUTION GAINS HEADWAY IN CHINA

Reported Tsai Ao Has Army of 200,000; Outbreak in Shanghai

Peking, Dec. 27.—Serious danger to the plans for a monarchy and perhaps to the head of Yuan Shi Kai was seen here today in reports that General Tsai Ao has raised and equipped an army of 200,000 rebels in the provinces of Yunnan, Kwangsi, Kwetchow and Szechuan. Sixty thousand government troops are on the way to give battle to Tsai Ao's forces, but it is feared they will be unable to cope with his power. Victory for the rebels, it is admitted here, would make Yuan Shi Kai's position one of peril.

At Shanghai.

London, Dec. 27.—An abortive rebellion at Shanghai of Chinese students who are opposed to Yuan Shi Kai as emperor is reported in Shanghai dispatches to the Exchange Telegraph company. They say that rebel students aboard the cruiser Chiao Ho, manned her guns and fired several shots. They abandoned the cruiser when other warships opened fire on her. Chinese loyal to Yuan Shi Kai still hold the arsenal.

The Exchange Telegraph dispatches add that volunteers are "guarding the American cruisers and the harbor works."

Washington Interested.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Officials here were greatly interested today in reports of the outbreak in Shanghai. They feared that an attack on the shipping might involve American vessels in that port. The cruiser Cincinnati, the collier Abenola and nine gunboats are either at Shanghai or in its immediate vicinity.

TEN SOCIALISTS WERE ARRESTED IN BERLIN

London, Dec. 27.—Central News dispatches received here today from Amsterdam report that ten socialists were arrested in Berlin for attempting to incite disorders.

ACCEPTS INVITATION OF THE ITALIAN GOVT.

Intends to Lead Reorganized Army After Health Has Been Restored

TAKEN TO BRINDISI ON ITALIAN CRUISER

Says He Must Live Until His People Have Triumphed



AUSTRIAN SUBMARINE MURDERED EIGHTY

Sank French Steamship Ville de la Ciotat in Mediterranean Without Warning

MINISTRE BEERNAERT, HADLEY, YEDDO SUNK

Paris, Dec. 27.—The French passenger steamship Ville de la Ciotat was torpedoed without warning and sunk in the Mediterranean by a submarine on December 24, the minister of marine announced today. Eighty of the passengers and crew lost their lives. The remainder of the persons on board were saved.

The statement follows:

"The steamship Ville de la Ciotat was torpedoed and sunk on the 24th in the Mediterranean by an Austrian submarine without warning. Eighty of the passengers and members of the crew perished.

"The Ville de la Ciotat was one of the largest steamships sunk recently in the Mediterranean. Her gross tonnage was 6,378. She was 487 feet long and had a beam of 50 feet. She was built at La Ciotat, France, in 1892, and was owned by the Messageries Maritimes of Marseilles; she was last reported on her arrival at Saigon, Indo-China, on December 1, on a voyage from Yokohama to Marseilles.

In Fifteen Minutes.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Seventy-nine persons were drowned in the destruction of the French liner Ville de la Ciotat, the American consul at Malta reported today to the state department. No Americans were aboard. The ship, he reports, was torpedoed without warning at 10:15 o'clock on December 24, and sank in fifteen minutes.

The American consul reported further that the rescued were picked up by a Moss liner after they had been in the small boats two hours.

The torpedoed ship, the consul reported, was on her way from Japan, China and Hawaii to Marseilles. The lost included one woman, a first-class passenger, a stewardess and two children.

Hadley Sunk.

London, Dec. 27.—The British steamship Hadley has been sunk and the steamship Umbra beached at the mouth of the Thames with fire forward. The vessels' crews were saved.

Yeddo Sent Down.

London, Dec. 27.—The 4,500-ton British steamship Yeddo, from Calcutta, November 24, for Boston and New York, has been sunk. Her crew was saved.

Belgian and British.

London, Dec. 27.—The sinking of the Belgian steamship Ministre Beernaert, of 1,215 tons gross, is announced. The crew left the vessel in her boats, two of which are missing.

The British steamer Cottingham, of 313 tons gross, has been sunk. The crew was saved.

FRENCH RELEASE ONE OF MEN TAKEN FROM SHIPS

Washington, Dec. 27.—William Garbo, of Brooklyn, purser of the American steamship Borinquen, taken off by the French cruiser Descaartes in Porto Rican waters on Dec. 16, has been released.

Advice today to the French embassy say the other men taken from American ships by the cruiser are being held pending investigation of their liability to service in the German army.

Representations by the United States against the taking of Germans from American ships have been made to the Paris foreign office.

Garbo, a German by birth, had taken out his first American naturalization papers.

KING OF SERBIA IS IN ITALY NOW

Intends to Lead Reorganized Army After Health Has Been Restored

TAKEN TO BRINDISI ON ITALIAN CRUISER

Says He Must Live Until His People Have Triumphed

Brindisi, Dec. 27.—King Peter of Serbia has arrived here on board an Italian cruiser.

The sovereign refused resolutely until now to leave his army, and it was only at the urgent entreaty of his son, the prince regent, that he at last agreed to go into exile. The prince pointed out to his father that it would be better for him to preserve his strength so that he would be able after his health had been restored to return to his country at the head of a reorganized army.

A Rome dispatch on December 16 said King Peter had accepted Italy's offer of a palace for his use at Caserta, near Naples. The king has been seriously ill for months, but frequently was on the firing line with the Serbian troops when they were resisting the Austro-Germans and Bulgarians so heroically.

Talked With Correspondent.

Paris, Dec. 27.—King Peter of Serbia was brought from Durazzo, Albania, to Aviona, Albania, on an Italian cruiser, says the Journal's Aviona correspondent. "The voyage was rough and the king had to be carried ashore in an armchair.

"An automobile carried the monarch to a secluded inn, where I called upon him and was shown into the poorly-furnished room he occupied. His clear eyes—what depths of bitterness they concealed. His features, hollowed by suffering—what intense weariness they betrayed! That sorrowful countenance was the epitome of the whole tragic epoch.

"The physician who interpreted for me told me that upon his arrival the king asked the price of the room, and, added, that he had no gold to pay for it. 'I am no longer king,' he said. 'I am only General Tootani (this name, which will shelter the king's incognito during his exile, is that of a powerful family of Tirana, to which Esad Pasha belongs). I give no more orders. It is the crown prince who commands. For the future I am nothing in the government. A soldier, I have only to obey.'

Must Live to See Victory.

"And the army, your majesty?" I asked.

"My soldiers are dropping from hunger and weariness. We must feed them, and then after a few weeks' rest we shall see."

"What are your own plans, sir?"

"I want to go to Salonica to see my minister of war. If this is possible I shall arrange something. I must live to see victory for my people and the triumph of our just cause."

GERMAN POSITIONS IN LORRAINE SHELLED

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STRONGEST ATTEMPT DOOMED TO FAILURE

Enemy Cannot Drive Allies From Salonica, Says Gen. de Castelnau

FAVORABLE POSITION FOR AN OFFENSIVE

Chief of French General Staff Received by King Constantine

Athens, Dec. 27.—"With our batteries of heavy artillery and the men behind them, it is impossible to oust the allied forces from Salonica," said General de Castelnau, chief of the French general staff, under General Joffre, in a statement yesterday to the Associated Press.

General de Castelnau's interview after having been received yesterday morning by King Constantine and having attended a luncheon at the French legation. Many of the most important officers of the Greek army and navy and several of the king's closest friends attended the luncheon. General de Castelnau's statement was submitted to the French minister, Jean Guillemin, and approved by him.

Situation Excellent.

"The situation at Salonica today is most excellent," the general continued. "I spent several days examining the ground. I must say I have rarely seen an emplacement which lends itself better to defence.

"I may say also that the position provides the most favorable conditions for offensive as well as defensive operations."

The general was asked whether the allies contemplate an offensive movement from Salonica in the spring.

"Spring will tell," he replied. "It is impossible to discount the exigencies of the military situation so far ahead. Should it be decided upon, the offensive from Salonica would be made under peculiarly favorable conditions."

"What impression did you gain from your talk with the king?" the correspondent asked.

"I was deeply touched by the fact that his majesty, although in poor health received me. He was most cordial. The Greeks have shown me every courtesy."

Victory is Certain.

"And in France, general—how soon do you believe the war will be finished?"

"That does not matter. The most important thing is that victory is certain, sooner or later. In France every Frenchman and every Frenchwoman is ready to go the whole way for a complete triumph. There will be no weakening for France is not only determined; France is sure."

Large crowds, in which were many Greek soldiers, gathered before the French legation and cheered General de Castelnau.

CAPELLE NOT TO GO BEFORE THE JURY

Lull in Investigation of Bomb Plots in San Francisco

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—Bomb plots and a neutrality act committed by German sympathizers on the Pacific coast were taken up anew here today by the grand jury, but only in a perfunctory way. United States District Attorney Preston said there would be no further sensational disclosures until after New Year's day.

One of the witnesses subpoenaed to appear today before the grand jury was Robert Capella, agent for the North German Lloyd line here, who vanished recently and was sought in vain for many days. Capelle reappeared here last Friday and was served at once with a subpoena. Today, however, the mystery about his case thickened when Mr. Preston announced that he would not be called before the grand jury. He refused to say that it meant Capelle would be indicted, explaining simply that the information he sought from the North German Lloyd man had been obtained from another quarter. It was believed this referred to Capelle's knowledge of the supplying by the steamships Maverick and Sacramento of food and munitions to German cruisers in the Pacific.

The indictments against C. C. Crowley, charged as head of the bomb plotters for Germany on this coast, and against Baron von Brincken, who says he is an attaché of the German consulate-general here, still are a matter of interest. United States Judge Dooling has before him a demurrer to quash the indictments, but so far has given no indication of his view.

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CUTTING OFF GOODS

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British Using Every Means to Destroy That Channel to Germany.

Christiania, Dec. 27.—Since Norway is at present dependent on England and Wales for its supply of coke and coal, Britain has a great hold on Norwegian trade. Dealers in coal and coke are told by their British business connections that if they sell bunkers to steamships destined for Germany or their way to Germany, they will no longer be furnished with British coal.

The other day an American freight steamer of New York, with a cargo made up mostly of American pork, arrived at Bergen to coal. She had to leave the place, however, without coal as all the dealers were warned by British authorities that if this steamer, with supplies undoubtedly destined for Germany by way of Sweden, was bunkered by them, British coal sellers at once would stop trade connections with them.

Britain also has intimated that she may stop the great import to Norway of olive oil from Italy and Spain and sheet metal used in the canning industry, unless the Norwegian importers guarantee that no canned product for which such oil or tin is used shall be exported to any of Britain's enemies, and many canning plants had to yield to this.

The British are well supplied with

information regarding the imports and exports of Germany. It happens that old Norwegian firms, who for years have been trading with British merchants get letters from their British business connections that they cannot do business with them any longer, as a report from Norway says that they have "assisted German trawlers," or something like that.

SAYS EXPEDITION IS DOOMED TO FAILURE

Mrs. Inez M. Boissevain Leaves Ford Party; No Definite Plan

Stockholm, Dec. 27.—A meeting of the members of the Ford peace expedition resulted in a disagreement over the mode of procedure, and Mrs. Inez M. Boissevain, the noted American feminist, announced her withdrawal from the expedition. Mrs. Boissevain explained that she was compelled to abandon the peace trip and would sail immediately for home.

Henry Ford, on departing for the United States had appointed seven delegates to carry on the work of the expedition. These delegates elected as chairman, who announced his plans without reference to the general meeting. Mrs. Boissevain protested. She described the peace plan as nebulous and vague and said that when the peace ship left New York Mr. Ford had no definite plans, but she hoped later that one would develop. She said, "I did not materialize and instead there were dissensions and misunderstandings. She expressed the belief that the expedition was doomed to failure because of undemocratic principles of a small group including Mme. Rosika Schwimmer, in controlling opinion."

"No Plan." "We have appeared to the public what we are in fact, a confused mass of aimlessly-intentioned persons of vague thinking, and no collective planning," Mrs. Boissevain said, and, continuing, she accused Mrs. Ford, who accompanied her, of having arrived in Scandinavia without any plan convincing to the people whom it was sought to win over to peace.

Mrs. Boissevain's statement caused consternation in the meeting. Members jumped to their feet asking that the expedition proceed, while others urged harmony.

Rev. Dr. Charles F. Aked pleaded that all should adhere to the original plan of Mr. Ford. Mrs. Boissevain said in reply that she was compelled to abandon the expedition and was leaving immediately.

The members of the expedition have held various meetings in an endeavor to arouse a peace sentiment in Sweden. These meetings were not accorded an official character. The Swedish Peace and Arbitration League decided that it was unable officially to recognize the expedition because the expedition had come without official recognition in the United States.

CANADA'S NEXT LOAN

MAY BE \$300,000,000

Sir George Foster Says People Should Practice Strict Economy

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—Sir George Foster, minister of trade and commerce, intimated in an address at the people's forum last night that a Canadian domestic loan of \$300,000,000 might soon follow the recent issue of \$100,000,000. Sir George said that Canadians would be called on to bear a greater share in the financing of the war. It was no longer possible to do this by foreign loans, he said, and the people of the country would have to practice strict economy in order to be able to do their part.

GREETINGS FROM CANADA'S SOLDIERS ACROSS SEA

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—Christmas greetings were received from Canada's fighting men in England and France by Major-General Sir Sam Hughes, Lieut.-General Alderson, commanding the Canadian corps at the front, cables: "Heartiest Christmas greetings to comrades in Canada from all ranks of Canadians at the front."

Brigadier-General Morrison, commanding the Second Division Artillery, cables:

"Officers and men of the Second Artillery Division send season's greetings. We are making good scores on the Sallabury Plain ranges."

Brigadier-General David Watson, of the 8th Infantry Brigade, Second Division, cables:

"From the trenches to-day the same spirit, the same determination and the same good wishes to Sir Robert Borden and yourself."

Director-General of Chaplains, Rev. R. H. Steacy, wired:

"From all the chaplains to yourself and the people of Canada."

Sir Max Atkin cables:

"As the wish of the Canadian forces in France I join in wishing you and yours all the happy returns of the season and we earnestly hope you will join us in 1916."

Good wishes on behalf of the Canadian soldiers in England also were received from General Carson.

FRENCH HOSPITAL

SHIPS AT SALONICA

Splendid Equipment for Giving Wounded the Best of Care

London, Dec. 27.—A correspondent sends the following:

Aboard the French hospital ship Charles Roux, Harbor of Salonica—Quite the most agreeable fate that can overtake an allied soldier in the Balkan campaign is to be ill—or slightly wounded. Not that the hospital facilities of the ancient Turkish city are famous, or even adequate. They are not. But there are four French and one British hospital ship in the roads of Salonica and they constitute by far the most comfortable, not to say the only sanitary spot in the Balkan peninsula.

The French have been splendidly prepared from the very outset of the present Balkan campaign in every detail of military organization. No better example of the thoroughness of this preparation could be given than the arrangements for caring for the sick and wounded. Long before there was actually any need for it and simultaneously with the landing of the first contingent of French troops on Greek soil, the French hospital ship Sphinx was lying ready in the harbor of Salonica. As the number of troops disembarked increased, automatically more hospital ships put in an appearance. First the *Dunay*, *Troops*, with its sheltered decks and its high stern like the pop of a Spanish galleon, all porches and awnings and bountiful spaces for the convalescent; next this ship, the *Charles Roux*, with its operating rooms, its surgical clinics and its complete provision for the care of the more seriously wounded; and finally the *Canada*—all with full complements of nurses, surgeons, physicians, sisters of charity and all the rest of the paraphernalia of the aftermath of battle.

Decks as Sun-Parlors.

In many ways the *Charles Roux* is the most interesting, especially as it is the principal operating theatre of the floating hospitals of Salonica, and especially as the surgeon-major, Dr. Heitz-Boyer, is one of the most distinguished and best-known surgeons in Paris. The ship was converted from one of the larger passenger steamships that in time of peace made the voyage from Marseilles to Algiers. As such, it is roomy enough for not only have the saloons not required as operating chambers been turned into wards to add to the accommodations of the cabins, but the great broad decks have been glassed in, making the most agreeable of sun-parlors, in which cots are set in long rows so that the sick and wounded, in the warmth of the afternoon sun, may lie quiet and look out at the splendid view of the bay of Salonica affords.

Here, too, the convalescent, propped up with pillows, sheltered, excellently cared for and competently nursed by volunteer French women who have passed the necessary examinations and had the requisite experience, gather strength against the time when they may go back and "have another go at 'em," as the "pols" in the next cove to the Associated Press correspondent, put it. Under such circumstances the wounded soldier has all the advantages and none of the drawbacks of "the Naxos of the Orient," as its inhabitants call Salonica. If his cot is on the south side of the ship, he has before him the snow-capped crests of the mountains of Katchis, those three fingers of land that stretch into the Aegean, with convent-crowned Mt. Athos tipping the last finger. Or, to the west, confused with the clouds, he has the peaks of Thessaly—Mr. Olympus, the home of the gods of ancient Greece, and beyond Mt. Ossa, and perhaps even, dim in the distance, Mt. Pelion, both of mythological fame. The fare and changing beauty of the clouds above these snow-capped heights, the singular coloring of the sunsets are joys to the patients aboard the French hospital ships in no wise lessened by the odors, the noises and the discomforts of life ashore in Salonica.

View of Salonica.

On the other hand, should the patient be placed on the north side of the ship, the view is no less attractive. Salonica itself, charming from a distance, straggling along the curving shore, mounting the hill behind, the town to the walled citadel that caps its crest—dozens of exquisites, white minarets like altar candles proud and slim, their balconies hung with lanterns; long uneven rows of mysterious houses, with projecting, latticed balconies; walled and secret gardens, revealing only the lofty monument of a single cypress; barren spots on the peopled hillside that are cemeteries, the grey-white of their jumbled headstones gleaming in the morning sun.

Below decks, all is ready for any and every operation. Every kind of electric light gives the surgeon all the facilities necessary for searching wounds. Rows of glass cases contain shining instruments, white porcelain tables display shallow glass dishes for sterilizing the instruments, each dish covered with a heavy glass plate to keep out any extraneous substance. Each specialist has his own operating room, in addition to which there is a very complete pharmacy, a biological laboratory, an X-ray apparatus with the necessary facilities for photographing the insides of the patient, and a perfectly equipped dark-room to develop the photographs. In completion of the picture, there are the silent, efficient little sisters of charity, their great, white, wing-like head-dresses bobbing and nodding as they wearers hurry hither and thither, a chain upon which are hung the keys to the supply closets dangling from their waists, a tin of baked and sterilized bandages under one arm—or a packet

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COUSIN OF YUAN SHI KAI KILLED IN THE STATES

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—Wong Yung, former editor of the *Asiatic News*, a paper published at Shanghai as the official organ of Chinese favoring a return to the monarchical form of government, was shot in the back and killed while attending a Chinese Christmas banquet here. The assassin escaped and was unrecognized. Kimson Yu, secretary to the Chinese consular-general in San Francisco, says the assassinated man was a blood cousin of Yuan Shi Kai, head of the Chinese government, on the female side of the family.

COMOX LOGGING CO. IS IN PROSPEROUS STATE

Courtenay, Dec. 27.—The Comox Logging & Railway company is giving its men a few days off for the holidays. The married men living at headquarters will go back to work on January 1, most of them being employed in the machine shops. The loggers and the railway employees resume work on January 11, with a full crew for the camps that have been running.

At the beginning of February another large camp will be opened and run full time. It is rumored among the men that there also will be an increase of pay owing to the better times prevailing.

PRINCE FIRMAN NEW HEAD OF PERSIAN GOVT.

London, Dec. 27.—"The Persian cabinet has fallen," says the *Telegraph* correspondent of Reuter's. "Prince Firman has been nominated premier." This is considered a great diplomatic victory for the entente.

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BERLIN PAPER REFORMS THE BRITISH CABINET

London, Dec. 27.—An Amsterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company says that the Zeitung Am Mittag, of Berlin, makes a feature of a dispatch to the effect that the British cabinet is on the eve of resignation, and that Mr. Asquith and Foreign Secretary Grey will withdraw, while Earl Kitchener will leave the war office for Egypt.

"The new head of the government," says the newspaper, "will be Lord Haldane, and Lord Fisher will become first lord of the Admiralty again."

SEVERAL SUCCESSES ON EASTERN FRONT

Petrograd, Dec. 27.—The following official communication was issued last night:

Southwest of the Czestoyak station, we dislodged a German picket and made a successful flank attack on a detachment which hastened to its aid. In the Pujatchevka region, north of the village of Nurawitz, on the Rwa, we captured a scouting party. North of Buzava, one of our parties rushed through the village of Pethlowitz, where an Austrian detachment was stationed. Some of the Austrians were bayoneted, the others fled.

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ANNOUNCED BEFORE PLANS WERE COMPLETE

No Support From British Press for Markham's New Political Party

London, Dec. 27.—A movement toward forming a new political party to be known as the National has been initiated by Sir Arthur B. Markham with the object, so critics assert, of opposing the present coalition government. In the leadership of the new party are associated the names of the principal dissenters in parliament, including Sir Edward Carson, Lord Charles Bessborough and Sir Henry Dalglish. But the announcement seems to have been made before the plans of the founders were ripe, and no serious support has been given to the movement by any section of the press, while most of the papers are trying to kill it with ridicule. There also was an effort to laugh it out of parliament.

A letter from Markham, which is taken as the manifesto of the new party, has appeared in several Conservative papers of London. No definite constructive policy is worked out, but a great deal of fault is found with the working of the coalition government. Markham himself has been a strong critic of the government, yet he has made no speeches that have been widely quoted or commented upon. He is a coal and iron magnate and represents the Mansfield division of Nottinghamshire, having been elected as a Liberal.

The Others. As for the other dissenters, Carson is known as a fighter of forceful personality, but he is an advocate rather than an originator, and he was not the real organizer of the Ulster row during the Home Rule campaign. Dalglish is a severe critic, but one of the papers points out that in blaming the government for its mistakes he always displayed his wisdom after the event. Lord Bessborough has the name of being a red hot partisan of whatever cause he espouses, rather than a cool, analytical statesman. Some other dissenters in the house of commons, mainly Liberals, are mentioned in connection with the movement, as well as the extreme Ulster-ites and conspirators. In the upper house, Lord Milner, Lord Milngothby, de Brouckere and Lord Middleton are said to be connected with it. So far as it has a definite platform, the new party may be said to advocate conscription, protection, anti-home rule and the deposition of Mr. Asquith as prime minister.

RAIDS PLANNED TO SECURE INFORMATION

Purpose of Surprise Attacks by Canadians; Haig Popular With Canadians

London, Dec. 26.—The several surprise raids made by parties of Canadian troops recently have all been part of a large scheme to find out from prisoners or documents secured in the temporary capture of German positions just what the plans of the enemy are. One of these raids was carried out at a spot where the Canadian artillery had made it impossible for the enemy effectively to rebuild his parapets. Some prisoners with information that was very valuable were taken.

There recently has been talk of another German offensive and it possibly may come soon. Where it will be, is, of course, impossible to predict; but the allies are very optimistic as to the result. The massing of German troops at Roulers and Menin, reports of which allied airmen confirm, leads the Canadians to expect that the Germans will make one more thrust at Ypres.

Their Last Effort. Manifestoes have been found on German prisoners that urge them to extreme efforts, saying the Kaiser will be behind them to watch this great western attack, which will be the Germans' supreme effort of the war, and must not fail.

Canadian officers say the allies never were better prepared for attack, and no matter how many thousands of German troops are hurled to the sacrifice they will never break the iron-bound line of the allies. The enemy's artillery has been active on the Canadian front, but it has not in the least affected the morale of even the Second Division troops, who, though they have been through some of the stiffest trench fighting, have yet to win their spurs in a pitched battle like Langemarck.

French is Missed. Field-Marshal Sir John French is sadly missed by all Canadians at the front. In many ways he showed he had a warm spot for the men from overseas, and made frequent visits to their lines, and when official inspections were made at brigade headquarters he showed a democratic spirit that proved he understood the Dominion officers' temperament.

No better man, from a Canadian point of view, could succeed than General Sir Douglas Haig. His relations with the Canadian brigadiers and divisional commanders have been close and useful. According to one divisional officer: "He has taught us more of war than any other British general, and often went out of his way to give us explanations of tactics which we valued to the full."

LITTLE FIGHTING BUT MUCH REPAIR WORK

Canadian Troops Busy Preventing Weather Spoiling Trenches

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—Major-General Sir Sam Hughes has received the following communication from the Canadian representative in France: "During the period of December 15-22 the situation on the front of the Canadian corps has undergone no material change. The weather has been mild. Short spells of fine weather have varied the monotony of heavy rain. Continual attention has been paid to the decline of our trenches and repair work on our trenches and defence works. Satisfactory progress has been made in the construction of dugouts and machine gun positions.

The work of our artillery has been confined principally to retaliatory measures and the engagement of targets afforded by the enemy parties. On the morning of December 13 the trenches in the neighborhood of Ypres were bombarded heavily and subsequently gassed. No infantry attack was delivered by the enemy. Owing to the direction of the wind, the gas fumes were soon perceptible over the area of our Second Division. The enemy artillery then became exceedingly active on our front, our artillery retaliated until the enemy fire stopped.

Slippery Busy. The enemy snipers have displayed increasing activity. Our snipers have accounted for a number of the enemy. Enemy aircraft have been active whenever the weather afforded opportunities for observation. On Monday, December 20 three aerial fights took place over our lines, an enemy aeroplane were driven off by the fire of anti-aircraft guns. In connection with the successful night operation of our Seventh Battalion on November 16-17, the following additional awards have been made: Distinguished Conduct Medal: Corporals P. L. Babcock, H. Odium, K. Weir and J. E. Berry. The health of our troops continues good. The number of new cases of trench feet has decreased.

LYDD GEORGE SPOKE TO 3,000 AT GLASGOW

Urged Trades Unions to Assist in Solving Problem of Munitions

London, Dec. 27.—Mr. Lloyd George, minister of munitions, addressed a meeting of some 3,000 trade unionists and workshop stewards at Glasgow on Christmas Day on the imperative need of temporary amalgamation of skilled and unskilled labor.

Mr. Lloyd George explained he had come to submit proposals on the acceptance of which depended not only victory but the saving of numberless lives. It was impossible for him to report through parliament to the British army that skilled workmen refused to suspend their rules to save their fellow-workmen on the battlefield, he declared, and added that he refused to believe that British workmen were less patriotic than the French, whose devotion and self-sacrifice had enabled France successfully to withstand the terrible machine, with which the aid of German workmen had scored a victory over the Russians. Time was vital and help must be given without delay, the minister of munitions said in closing.

"Either we must tell the soldiers that we are sorry that we cannot get the guns to enable them to win in 1916, owing to the trade union regulations, or we must tell them that if they manage to hold out for another year perhaps American workmen will help us to get a sufficient supply in 1917." Next of his address Mr. Lloyd George said that he wondered how many people fully realized the magnitude of the war and its tremendous issues. Sometimes he feared he said that they treated it as a passing shower.

Convulsion of Nature. "But this is not a passing shower," he explained. "It is the deluge; it is a convulsion of nature; it is a cyclone which is tearing up by its roots the ornamental plants of modern society and wrecking some of the flimsy trestle bridges of modern civilization. It is an earthquake which is upheaving the very rocks of European life; it is one of those seismic disturbances in which nations leap forward or fall backward generations in a single bound. All this chattering about relaxing a rule and suspending a custom is out of place. You cannot haggle with an earthquake and I beg the skilled workmen of this country, in whose keeping are the doctrines of labor, to lift up their eyes above the mists of distrust and suspicion and ascend to the height of the greatest opportunity that ever opened before their class and by so doing there will emerge after this war that future hope which the great leaders of democracy of all ages have pictured in their dreams."

At the conclusion of his speech Mr. Lloyd George met the district committee of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers. At this meeting, which was highly satisfactory, proposals were discussed with a view to taking definite and immediate action for the diffusion of labor.

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AUSTRIANS FELL BACK BEFORE MONTENEGRINS

Paris, Dec. 27.—An official Montenegro statement set here says: "On December 23, our sanjak army, in continuance of its offensive, attacked the enemy toward Lofonatz. After a severe struggle the enemy was completely repulsed and driven back on Bjelopolje, leaving on the field 1,500 dead. We took prisoners 100, including a captain."

THE PEOPLE OF ARRAS CELEBRATED CHRISTMAS

Arras, Dec. 27.—Hundreds of big shells tore the air over Arras all Friday. In the echoes of these were the last compliments of the season, and they had no sooner died away than the life of Arras began to show itself through reopened cellar doors and windows with preparations for the usual Christmas Eve festivities. The people of the Arras region rise above their afflictions dug to the war and the spirit of Arras survives among the heaps of ruins.

CIVILIANS IN SCUTARI KILLED BY AEROPLANES

Paris, Dec. 27.—Two aeroplanes, one of which was German, dropped four bombs on Scutari, Albania, on December 23, killing five civilians and injuring sixteen women and children, according to a Havas dispatch from Cetinje. "On the same day that the aerial attack occurred," says the dispatch, "a

TURKS WERE REPULSED AT KUT-EL-AMARA

Delhi, Dec. 27.—A vigorous Turkish assault against the British forces at Kut-

NO BRITISH MONITORS SUNK IN THE TIGRIS

London, Dec. 27.—The following official statement was issued last night: "There is no truth in reports of the sinking of British monitors in the Tigris, which was announced recently in a Turkish communication. No armed vessels have been sunk except two small river gunboats, the abandonment of which was announced in an official report on December 4."

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GERMANY'S MOVE.

All reports agree that the next move in the war game must be Germany's. Whatever her general staff has in mind must be attempted during the winter notwithstanding the unfavorable climatic conditions on all the fronts.

The allies evidently expect Germany to move in the west. She has increased her strength there within the last few weeks and no doubt has been massing vast quantities of artillery and munitions, filling her gas tanks and making other preparations for an effort to duplicate von Mackensen's smash against the Russians in western Galicia last May.

Germany must reckon also upon possible changes in the Balkan situation by spring. There she is in a quandary. She recognizes the urgency of striking at the allies in Salonica before they reach dangerous proportions.

Germany may induce Ferdinand to postpone his stroke-peddling her own offensive in the west, but it cannot be for long. He has had heavy losses and has no mind to wait until he is outnumbered.

The London correspondent of the New York Herald declares that the much-talked-of German-Turkish invasion of Egypt is largely a bluff. Certainly if Germany and Austria have not enough men to try to throw the allies out of Salonica they cannot spare any for a campaign against Egypt.

long as there is a rapidly-growing entente army at Salonica the Teutons would not dream of risking a march towards the Suez canal. The Turks might attempt a diversion there, but that is all it could amount to. With the allies in command of the eastern Mediterranean the Turks would have to mobilize more than a million men in order to protect their lines of communication and have a striking force anywhere near the number Great Britain is reported to have concentrated in Egypt.

ANOTHER DOMESTIC LOAN.

Sir George E. Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce, intimates that another domestic loan may be raised by the government and that the figure this time might be \$300,000,000. The minister points out that the Dominion will have to bear a greater share in the financing of the war and that it will be necessary for the people to practice strict economy in order that they may be in a position to carry the burden.

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LAND ADMINISTRATION.

A contemporary, defending the provincial government's course on the land question, says the sales were made under a law which has been in force ever since Sir Richard McBride was a boy at school. It adds that the McBride administration, however, placed a certain limit on this disposition of land, and when that limit had been reached it imposed a reserve on all unsold areas.

stimulated the land grabbing crusade and helped to make the 1910 total a record-breaker.

But setting aside the amendment to which we refer the venerable law seems to have been cherished generally more on account of its antiquity than for its terms. For these the government had no respect. They were violated right and left, with the connivance of those charged with their faithful administration.

The government's "policy" had the usual results. Genuine settlement and development were stagnant. Our proportionate importations of foodstuffs that could be raised here increased, and, of course, so did the cost of living. The agricultural industry languished so badly that the government was compelled to appoint a \$40,000 commission to ascertain the trouble. The province is owed between fifteen million and twenty million dollars on account of its land sales.

British Columbia has had her transactions in coal, dredging and other things which will be revealed later on, but we are not peculiar in respect of such matters affecting the relations of the federal government with its friends.

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or high. If these firms have tendered since it would be interesting to see how their figures were influenced by this curious experience. In tendering next time they would, of course, feel that there was no need to cut the price fine.

Announced from Washington that if it is found, after inquiry, that a Japanese steamer with an American on board was sunk without warning by a Teutonic submarine, "further correspondence with Austria will undoubtedly ensue."

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, December 27, 1890.

The C. P. R. telegraph offices are now located in Musgrave's block, Trowne avenue, the wires having been strung yesterday, and connections completed this morning. The improvements in the new quarters are a great change on the old ones, which were cramped for room.

Last night a banquet was given at the Poodle Dog by the descendants of Tyneside, and was in all respects a brilliant affair. It was decided to form a society of Tynesiders, which will be open to men from the north country.

The request for a grant of \$200 in aid of the provincial exhibition was referred to the finance committee by the city council last evening. The motion was only carried by the casting vote of the mayor.

ADVERTISING AND PRICE

Who pays the price of advertising is a much discussed question. Listen to what Jules B. Schloss has to say in Newspaperdom.

"Good advertising creates a passive expense which is overbalanced by the decreased cost of production or selling—and it reduces the price of the commodity to the consumer. It lowers the cost of living.

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And because they produce results at low cost the newspapers are today the most favored of all advertising mediums.

Loyal Orange Association.—Premier, L. O. L. No. 1619, will meet in the Orange hall, Yates street, to-night, at 8 o'clock for regular business and the installation of officers for the ensuing year. This will be conducted by W. C. M. Bro. L. Tait. A full attendance of members is requested.

Vaudeville at Rex.—There will be a concert at the Rex theatre, Esquimaux, on Wednesday evening under the auspices of the Esquimaux Friendly Help society. The entertainment, the full programme of which will be published to-morrow, will consist of vaudeville and moving pictures.

Gets Service Medal.—Q. M. S. Martyn, 88th Victoria Fusiliers, was presented on Friday at the men's mess with the long service medal. He has had 37 years in the army, was with General Kitchener in the march from Kabul to Kandahar, and has seen several campaigns. The medal was presented by Lieut.-Col. Ross Cullin.

Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting.—The Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Andrew's and the Women's Society will have their fortnightly whist drive on Wednesday, December 29, at the home of Mrs. Rickard, Hillside avenue. There will be good prizes given, and refreshments served. The proceeds will be devoted to the buying of comforts for the soldiers.

Cinderella Ball.—The Daughters of Piety will hold their annual Cinderella ball on Wednesday, December 29, in the Alexandra club parlour, in aid of the children's ward of the Royal Jubilee hospital. The children's dance will be from 4 to 8 p. m., with fancy dress optional. From 9 p. m. to 2 p. m. there will be the usual dance for adults. The Daughters of Piety hope that the ball will be as liberally patronized as in former years, in order that their work for the hospital may continue undisturbed in spite of the many unusual calls which are being made at this time upon the generous and charitable. Tickets can be obtained at the well-known stores of Messrs. Hibben, Fletcher, Wilkerson, and Dean & Hiscock.

Permit to Remove Lime.—T. S. Hall and Charles Damaska, New Westminster, have been given permission to remove from the submerged bed of Cheam lake, in the Dominion railway belt, disintegrated lime for fertilizing purposes. The minute on which the federal order-in-council is based quotes the deputy minister of agriculture as fully concurring in representations made that "there is a great desirability for a supply of crushed rock lime at reasonable prices for agricultural purposes, and that this is the best form in which it could be supplied. The lease granted is for five years, at a rental of 25 cents per acre annually in advance, the lessees to install within one year machinery and equipment to the value of at least \$1,500 and to remove not less than one thousand tons of the deposit yearly.

Fifth Regiment Band.—The Fifth Regiment band concert last evening at the Royal Victoria theatre was attended by one of the largest audiences of the season. Two exceptionally fine soloists had been selected to assist on the programme, these being Mrs. R. Baird, a leading contralto, and Mr. Crook. It would be difficult to decide which was the greater favorite of the two numbers which Mrs. Baird sang, "When the Boys Come Home," or "The First Christmas Morn." She received a splendid and well-deserved ovation after each, and would have been welcomed for a third song had she chosen to come back again. Mr. Crook has a magnificent basso, and gave the very best possible rendering of Miss Norrish's new song which has been introduced for the first time to the public. "Twilight Thoughts," by Bandman Smith and Bandman Raine, gave a highly popular cornet and trombone duet, first a selection from "Rigoletto" afterwards excerpts from "Martha." Their rendering of each number was highly pleasing, and warmly applauded. The band was in fine form, and played among other things the chorus from Handel's "Hallelujah" and the overture to "Peter Small."

Christmas Day at Men's Mission.—Notwithstanding the "black lines" through which the W. C. T. U. mission on Store street has been passing during the last few months, it was possible through the kindness of many friends to make Christmas day a memorable one for its regular boarders as well as many who make the reading room their headquarters. Dinner was served on Christmas day at 4:30 and about 40 men did ample justice to the turkey, ducks, vegetables, plum pudding and fruit, which were provided. The preparations were in the capable hands of the matron, Miss Haggart. In the evening at 8 o'clock the men assembled in the large hall where a varied entertainment was much enjoyed. Mr. Ritchie, assisted by Mr. Bryant, gave a series of lantern slides ranging from the battlefields of Flanders to California. Mr. Cooper gave a recitation entitled "The Village Schoolmaster," as well as several selections on the accordion. Mr. Holmes, one of the staff, gave a piano solo, and selections from the "Bells" and "The Holy City" on his accordion all of which were much appreciated. Mr. Nixon entertained with a few humorous stories whilst refreshments were being prepared and served.

CHARGED WITH THEFT

Soldier Robbed of Change in Bar by a By-stander, While Attention is Directed Elsewhere.

William Shann, who told the police magistrate this morning that he had joined the 103rd Battalion a few days ago but had not yet got his uniform, was before the court on a charge of having stolen sixty cents, the property of Sergeant Alister MacTavish, provost-marshal of the 6th Western Scots, the Westholme looking for deserters on Christmas evening, and saw the prisoner there. He had put down a dollar bill to pay for some drinks when his attention was called by one of the military police with him to one of the deserters who had come in. He went over to speak to the man and on stepping back to the bar found his change gone. A soldier standing near told him Shann had taken the money and the prisoner gave it up. Sgt. MacTavish stated that the reason he took this matter up was that several men of the regiment had complained of losing change in bars in this way.

Private Patterson, of the 47th, and Trooper Grimshaw, of the 11th C.M.R., corroborated the sergeant. At first, they said, Shann denied having taken the money but then he handed the sixty cents over and said he had not seen anyone whom it belonged to.

Constable Gates arrested the prisoner, and told the court that the man had not drunk so much as to be incapable of knowing what he was doing but enough to make him think it a good joke.

Shann repeated the plea he had made in the station after arrest, that he had taken the money as a joke. He told the magistrate he had come here from Vancouver to assist after spending the harvest season in Saskatchewan. The case was remanded until to-morrow for judgment.

MORE MEN FOR 103RD

Twelve Men Arrive on Christmas Morning From Vernon; More Recruits Expected.

The 103rd Battalion is looking for a considerable strengthening of the unit as the result of the recruiting trip on which Lt.-Col. Henniker and Lieut. McLagan and Skelton are now absent. Colonel Henniker is spending a little bit more than a week in the principal centres of the Okanagan, and the two junior officers are in the Fraser river district.

The battalion is appreciably lessened by the departure of the base company of the Pioneers, which was attached to this unit, but it is anticipated that the quarters occupied by them will shortly be required for the increased strength of the 103rd. On Christmas morning twelve men arrived from Vernon and were immediately attached to the unit. Another party is expected to-day from up-island.

WAS ON PATROL DUTY

Sad News Received of Death of Trooper Reginald Sears, Brother of Mrs. J. A. Greenhill, This City.

An announcement in the most recent casualty lists which has caused deep sorrow among a large number of friends in Victoria is that chronicling the death of Trooper Reginald Sears, of the 11th C. M. R., who was killed by a German shell while on patrol duty. Though not a local man he was very well-known here, and was a brother of Mrs. J. A. Greenhill, of this city.

Trooper Sears, before he left Canada for the front, was a member of the well-known firm in Toronto known as the Preston Furniture company. Before he left he was offered a commission in regiment recruiting for overseas, but his reply was that it would take him too long that way to get to the front, and that as men were badly needed he preferred to join the ranks. The many friends of Mrs. Greenhill will sympathize with her in her sad bereavement.

Phoenix Beer—2 qts. for 25c

Fined for Chimney Fire.—J. M. Robertson, 309 St. Lawrence street, was fined \$5 to-day for having permitted his chimney to take fire on December 19.

Had Many Guests.—Never did the spacious diningroom of the Dominion hotel look better than on Christmas night, when more than 250 guests enjoyed Christmas dinner there. The gaiety and animation of the scene were thoroughly in keeping with the traditional spirit of the festive season. A notable feature was the large number of citizens present, who apparently were glad to take advantage of the management's experience in catering, thus to free themselves from the worry and trouble incident to preparing and serving a Christmas dinner at home. Many flattering compliments were paid to the staff of the hotel on the excellence and variety of the menu.

"Dugout" for Soldiers.—It must often be the wish of the soldier in barracks to spend his free time in a place of more home-like surroundings. A few weeks ago such a place was opened immediately across the car-track from the Willows' Garrison grounds, an attractive staidboard over the "Rugout" announcing that "snacks," teas, lunches and light refreshments generally may be procured within. The rooms are very comfortably furnished and would make a cosy and quiet place of a wet evening for the man who finds the noise of the mess-room detrimental to the composition of letters or the reading of his book or newspaper. There are three rooms, each furnished with little tables for afternoon tea, etc., while magazines and illustrated papers are scattered about. The place is altogether home-like, and would make a nice rendezvous for soldiers and their friends, a place to spend a pleasant afternoon or evening. "Dugout" is the fourth house from the entrance to the Willows grounds, and soldiers should look out for the sign.

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BRIEF NEWS OF THE CITY

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Phoenix Stout—2 qts. for 25c

Cameron & Calwell's Auto Ambulance, the most up-to-date ambulance in the city, is at your service. Phone 692, 185 or 186. The same numbers will bring that taxi-cab, express wagon or anything else you may want in the trucking or draying business.

Have you noticed Standard Steam Laundry branch office in Dominion Hotel block.

The Umbrella Shop, 610 Pandora St.

Things Not to Forget.—Platter for the turkey at 75c; roast pans, 25c up; nut crackers, 25c; cups and saucers, \$1.50 dozen; pocket knife for the boy, 15c to \$1.75; at R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas St.

Silver Spring Beer, 2 qts. for 25c

Retrench by having things repaired at Wilson's Repair Shop, 614 Cormorant. Gramophones especially.

Some Dads Do Have Cold Feet.—Give him a carbon hot water bottle, 75c and \$1.00, at R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas St.

Sepia Photos for Xmas at a special reduction, \$7.00 Sepias for \$5.00 per dozen, at the Skene Lowe Studio, 654 Yates St.

Those of us are left behind. Must be something more than kind. Patriotic Aid Society, 1210 Broad St.

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H. B. "Imperial" Lager Beer, pinta, 3 for 25c.

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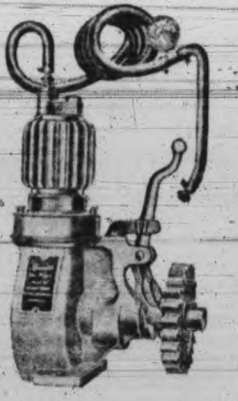
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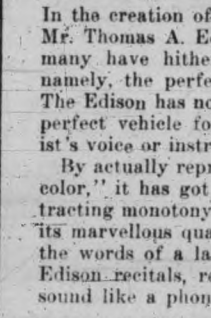
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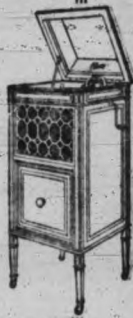
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ORPHANS HAVE RIDE

Members of Automobile Club Took Sixty Children Round Victoria Party Photographed.

On Christmas morning the members of the Victoria and Island Automobile association drove to the Protestant orphanage, Hillside avenue, and took the sixty children who live there for a long ride round Victoria. The children were driven to Royal Oak, Gordon Head, Cadboro Bay and back to the city via the Uplands. The trip ended at Beacon Hill, where all the cars assembled for the purpose of being photographed. The picture was taken for the purpose of being used by the Victoria and Island Development association to show the climatic advantages of Victoria at Christmas.

The children were then taken back to the orphanage. They enjoyed the morning ride, and thanked the members of the association for giving them the outing. The committee of the association responsible for the event desire to thank those who participated.

The Christmas was made more enjoyable for the children by a gift to each one of toys and fruit. These were provided by a money contribution sent in to the secretary with a request to use it for the pleasure of the children.

WORK for the Victoria Patriotic Fund

Quiet Holiday in Police Circles.—The holiday was a quiet one in police circles, there being but two arrests for intoxication during the two days. One was a soldier, who was allowed to go when brought up in court to-day, and the other, having been charged before, paid three dollars.

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In presenting Elsie Janis in "Nearly a Lady," the feature now running at the Dominion, Miss Janis is provided with a vehicle affording her dramatic ability plenty of opportunity to assert itself. The subject is a romantic comedy drama and various striking scenes are portrayed by Miss Janis that will surprise even those who are familiar with her wonderful versatility. The background of the story offers the beautiful outdoor country of the west as well as the polished society settings of the east. Some of the most elaborate scenes were taken in the famous \$250,000 swimming pool and palm garden of Los Angeles. In addition, to

giving the star particular opportunity to show her real worth as an actress, the picture shows her in several new feats, including expert swimming, lariat-throwing and riding. A lariat dance by Miss Janis surprises even the cowboys shown in the picture. "Nearly a Lady" is a good entertaining feature. The Graphic War News on the same programme is one of the best shown recently.

COLUMBIA THEATRE.

The first Vitagraph production in which the distinguished actor Robert Edson will be seen is a picturization of "Mortmain," or "The Dead Hand," from the story of the same name by

Arthur C. Train. Mr. Edson, who portrayed the name part, Mortmain, was supported by an all-star Vitagraph cast, directed by Theodore Marston under the personal supervision of J. Stuart Blackton and Albert E. Smith.

"Mortmain" as a screen story is doubly attractive because of its dramatic action, and the scientific and psychological elements that make of it a decided novelty. Mr. Edson, as Mortmain, is shown being put to sleep under the influence of ethyl chloride, and as the drug takes effect the sensations experienced by him under its influence are shown in vivid realism. He sees his own head getting larger and larger until it bursts. This is

succeeded by a falling sensation as from a great height, and it is during this period the superman leaves the body and wanders off into space. As the force of the anesthetic is spent and the soul returns to its physical habitation, Mr. Edson receives a sensation of a severe jerk and bump. The experiences of the superman during its wanderings after leaving the body make the story of "Mortmain," in which every scientific and psychological detail is pictured on the screen with startling clearness. It is a notable fact that this is the first time anything of the kind has ever been shown in pictures.

"Mortmain" is a Vitagraph quality picture in five parts, bearing the brand Blue Ribbon Feature, and is remarkable in story action, presentation and photography.

ROYAL VICTORIA THEATRE.

The programme that has been secured for the Royal Victoria for the first three days of this week, ought to be the means of drawing good houses.



A SCENE FROM "THE NEW ADVENTURES OF J. RUFUS WALLINGFORD," EPISODE NO. 2 (PATHE) Now running at the Royal Victoria theatre.

The English Pathe Gazette shows recent events in the war zone, such as "Mining and Bombing Attacks," "Mont St. Eloi From a French Warplane," etc. They are pictures that are bound to interest. In the second number of The New Adventures of J. Rufus Wallingford, Mr. Boggers is the victim in hand. Mr. Boggers is fired into parting with \$65,000 of his money for a circus that is supposed to be a coin money. This proves to be just a Wallingford method of getting even with another member of the clique who helped to ruin Marjorie's father. The title of this particular number of the series is "Two Rings and a Goat." On the same programme is also a three reel comedy entitled "Lillian's Husband." This picture is full of good, clean comedy, and is the cause of much laughter.

PANTAGES THEATRE.

The Ten Toozoonians, a troupe of whirlwind acrobats and tumblers, are the biggest feature in point of numbers of an all-big-feature bill that has been booked for this week by the Pantages management. The bill is a notable one for having three of the largest feature acts that have been sent over the circuit this season. The Ten Toozoonians offer one of those kaleidoscopic exhibitions of acrobatic human pyramid building and speedy tumbling that always makes an interesting turn when given at the dizzy speed these trained athletes possess. A second big feature and one that would be a credit to any bill, is Maurice Samuels and his company of five in their comedy dramatic playlet entitled "A Day at Ellis Island." This powerful playlet gives the human interest side of the emigrant problem in a striking manner. It is presented by a powerful cast in which Mr. Samuels is the dominant figure.

The third big feature act and one that should prove an especial treat for the kiddies, will be Barnold's Dog and Monkey Actors. This troupe of simian and canine actors are so well trained that they present a little playlet all by themselves, no human being appearing on the stage until the close of the act. The Hazel Kirk Trio, two men and a woman, are billed to provide the musical and trapezochorean feature of the bill. They are talented in both vocal and instrumental lines as well as neat dancers. Princeton and Yale, a man and maid, will give a rapid fire patter act that is said to contain a plethora of amusing and strictly up-to-date slang. New film

comedies appropriate to the festive season will be shown on the Pantagescope.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 27, 5 a.m.—The barometer is falling in advance of an ocean storm which is now causing strong southerly gales on the coast from Etanah Island northward. Snow is reported on the Lower Mainland and in Kootenay, and zero temperatures prevail in Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Forecast.— For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Tuesday: Victoria and vicinity—Strong winds or gales, mostly easterly and southerly, unsettled and mild, with rain; Lower Mainland—East-ry and southerly winds, increasing to gales on the Gulf, unsettled and mild, with rain.

Reports.— Victoria—Barometer, 30.4; temperature, maximum yesterday, 40; minimum, 30; wind, 29 miles E.; rain, .05; weather, cloudy. Vancouver—Barometer, 30.4; temperature, maximum yesterday, 40; minimum,

34; wind, 6 miles E.; snow, .02; weather, snow. Entrance—Barometer, 30.38; temperature, maximum yesterday, 40; minimum, 30; wind, 29 miles E.; rain, .06; weather, cloudy. Kamloops—Barometer, 29.94; temperature, minimum yesterday, 16; wind, calm; snow, trace; weather, snowing. Barkerville—Barometer, 30.14; temperature, maximum yesterday 29; minimum, 12; wind, 4 miles S. W.; snow, .24; weather, cloudy. Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.68; temperature, maximum yesterday, 36; minimum, 34; wind, 34 miles S. E.; rain, .93; weather, cloudy. Tootoon—Barometer, 30.49; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 40; wind, 10 miles S. E.; rain, .01; weather, cloudy. Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.52; temperature, maximum yesterday, 38; minimum, 26; wind, 4 miles W.; weather, foggy. Seattle—Barometer, 31.50; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 36; wind, 4 miles S. E.; weather, cloudy.

Table with columns for location, Max. temperature, and Min. temperature. Locations include Cranbrook, Portleton, Nelson, Calgary, Edmonton, Q'Appelle, Winnipeg, Porcupine, Ottawa, Montreal, and Halifax.

WILL SEEK DOMINION CHARTER SHORTLY

B. C. Telephone Company's Interests Require Wider Scope Than Provincial Privilege

One of the best known public service corporations in British Columbia is the B. C. Telephone Company. The public has been kept aware of its manifold activities by the excellent little publication "Telephone Talk," and now a formal announcement has been sent by its officers to the public bodies in whose limits it does business that a change of name is essential. Application is being made at the forthcoming session of the Dominion House to alter the name to "Western Canada Telephone Company," when a Dominion charter has been obtained. In the covering letter, attached to the formal notice to parliament, is an intimation that the privileges sought under the charter are to be the same

as the present provincial one in all essential particulars.

The company, it is pointed out, operates service connections as far south as Los Angeles, in conjunction with the American lines, and that shortly, with necessary repeaters, the relay of talk will be possible across the continent to Montreal. Thus the telephone business has grown beyond provincial limits, and therefore a national charter is to replace the provincial one. The announcement regarding the enlarged scope of this company, which is increasing the number of exchanges and services in spite of depressing commercial circumstances in the province, will be well received by an increasing circle of subscribers.

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LATE JACK DEMPSEY WAS A BRAINY BOXER

Otto Floto Gives Few Instances When Quick-Thinking Saved Boxers From Knockout

Otto Floto is one of the many sport writers who can't forget Jack Dempsey. In a recent article he takes occasion to remark that the great boxer, who claimed Portland as his home, was not only a wonderful fighter, but one of the best seconds who ever accompanied a man into the ring.

There is no doubt that Jack Dempsey had as much to do with preventing Jack McAuliffe from defeat when he fought Jim Carney at Revere Beach as he (McAuliffe) had himself. The manner in which Dempsey taunted Carney and the way he forced the English champion to come over to McAuliffe's corner and do all his fighting was the work of a master. On another occasion Dempsey seconded Frank Glover against Tom Chandler at Chicago. Chandler at the end of the third round caught Glover flush on the point and tumbled him down and out. As the referee was counting (Paddy Carroll it was), Dempsey jumped into the ring and showed Carroll where the round had only eight seconds more to go and Glover could not by any possible chance be counted out.

The fact of the matter was that 12 seconds of the round remained to be fought, but Dempsey carried his point, and Glover in the minute's rest that followed, revived. In the very next round Glover knocked Chandler out. Here was an instance where a second turned defeat into victory for his man, just as Joe Chynski did at New Orleans when Peter Maher knocked Fitzsimmons out and had him hanging on the top rope. Chynski reached over and pulled the bell cord. The round had still a half minute to go. In the excitement everyone overlooked the act on Joe's part that saved Fitzsimmons.

Spider Kelly, of San Francisco, is another wonderful second, and has helped many a man to win. Kelly had a habit of instructing his men to immediately push their hands into that of the referee when the final gong sounded, and in this way he has at times saved the official so that verdicts have been given to his

OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

London, Dec. 27.—Following are the results of scheduled games in the old country football leagues, played Saturday on the grounds of the first mentioned clubs.

Northern Section.
Bolton Wanderers, 0; Blackpool, 2.
Everton, 2; Southport Central, 0.
Manchester City, 2; Oldham Athletic, 2.
Preston North End, 0; Liverpool, 2.
Southport Central, 0; Manchester United, 1.
Rochdale, 3; Stockport County, 1.

Midland Section.
Bradford, 1; Hull City, 2.
Grimsham Town, 2; Sheffield United, 1.
Huddersfield Town, 0; Bradford City, 0.
Notts Forest, 1; Sheffield Wednesday, 0.

London Section.
Brentford, 1; Chelsea, 2.
West Ham United, 3; Arsenal, 2.
Tottenham Hotspur, 3; Crystal Palace, 0.
Crystal Palace, 0; Millwall Athletic, 1.
Watford, 5; Queen's Park Rangers, 1.
Fulham, 4; Clapton Orient, 0.

The Scottish League.
Aberdeen, 2; St. Mirren, 1.
Celtic, 6; Aberdeen, 0.
Ayr United, 2; Kilmarnock, 0.
Rath Rovers, 2; Clyde, 0.
Dumfries, 0; Motherwell, 0.
Hibernian, 0; Dundee, 2.
Rangers, 1; Falkirk, 0.
Hamilton Academicals, 5; Queen's Park, 2.

BANTAMS MATCHED.
New Orleans, Dec. 27.—Kid Williams of Baltimore will defend the bantam-weight title in a 20-round bout against Pete Herman of New Orleans, in the next seven weeks at a new arena to be built by Dominick Tortorich and local sportsmen, according to an announcement made by the local promoter on Saturday night.

HAVANA WANT GAMES.
Havana, Dec. 27.—The mayor of Havana has cabled to the president of the Olympic committee asking that the Olympic games be held in Havana in 1920.

President Menocal added his indorsement of the mayor's request.

ARISTOCRATS ARE FAVORED TO WIN FROM ROSEBUDS TO-MORROW NIGHT

Lester Patrick Recovers From Recent Injuries Sustained; Frank Patrick May Get Back in Harness; Wanderers Maintain Lead in N. H. A.

Local hockey fans are supremely confident that the Victoria team will defeat Portland when they meet in the Rosebud game to-morrow night. The fact that Manager Lester Patrick has so recently recovered from the injury to his knee which he sustained last Wednesday night and will again take his place on the local defence against the Rosebuds has greatly cheered the fans. Victoria's chances of defeating Portland would be greatly lessened without the services of their leader. Should the locals triumph and Vancouver defeat Seattle, these teams will be tied for the league leadership.

Lester has not yet announced his plans for to-morrow night's game, but it is very likely that he will again be found in centre ice with Tracy and O'Leary on the reserve list. In Portland the locals realize they will meet with stiff opposition. The Rosebuds can boast of an excellent defence, and a speedy, hard-shooting lot of forwards. Murray in the nets, Del Irvine on the defence and Harbour on the reserve list are all new men in this circuit. The two first mentioned were former members of the Monarch amateur team of Winnipeg, and have made a great hit with the Portland hockey enthusiasts. Harbour did not get a chance to show until Seattle visited Portland, and then Captain Oatman decided to substitute him for one of the regulars. He made good, scoring two goals, and showing up well in every department. Sizing up the Rosebud lineup—their back-to-be-the-coach that Victoria will have to deal with to win the P. C. H. A. championship, Frank Patrick thinks them a wonderful aggregation. He says they are a "seven-man team." It was feared that the Portland team would be without

the services of "Moose" Johnson for to-morrow night's game but according to more recent advice received from the south the "Moose" will again be found on the Rosebuds defence. His father has been seriously ill at Montreal, but his condition is improved, and it is not likely that the son will be called east.

Word comes from Vancouver that Manager Frank Patrick may return to the game and make his initial 1915 appearance on Seattle ice to-morrow night. The millionaire manager is disappointed with the work of his proteges to date, and plans to get back in harness himself. For the past few days at Vancouver he has been out in uniform with the players, and despite his long lay-off appears to be in excellent condition. After Friday's workout he stated that he might don a uniform and pilot his team at Seattle. A victory for the champions would be very popular in Victoria and Portland. They have yet to win a game and a win would keep the Metropolitan from ascending into the league leadership should Victoria drop Portland. It is not known who will be dropped to make room for Patrick, but it is probable that it will be Seaborn, or the latter may be shifted to the forward line and Duncan benched. Sibby Nichol, may take Micky Mackey's place in centre ice.

Muldoon Will Bid for Baker. Pete Muldoon, manager of the Seattle club, makes the announcement that he will make an offer to Hockey Baker, formerly of the St. Nicholas rink hockey star. Pete is the third hockey manager to bid for Baker. Ottawa and the Wanderers both are after Hooley. Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 27.—Ernie Duncan, formerly of Canadians, is coming to Ottawa for a trial. It is now reported that Hamby Shore may figure on the Wanderers defence. It is reported that the Wanderers are willing to trade Kendall for Shore, but whether the deal will materialize remains to be seen. Shore insists that he has not been offered a contract and will insist on some definite action now that the league race is under way.

ON SICK LIST



Portland, Ore., Dec. 27.—Captain Eddie Oatman, of the Portland hockey team, may be unable to play against Victoria to-morrow night because of an attack of influenza. Oatman insists he will be able to play, but he is under the care of a physician who may find it necessary to order him to stay off the ice.

WANDERERS MAINTAIN LEAD IN N.H.A. RACE

Quebec Spring Surprise by Defeating Champions; Wanderers Beat Toronto

Christmas Day Games. Wanderers, 6; Toronto, 5. Quebec, 3; Ottawa, 2.

Standing.	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Wanderers	3	3	0	17	12	6
Canadiens	2	1	1	4	4	2
Ottawa	2	1	1	9	4	2
Quebec	2	1	1	8	10	2
Toronto	3	0	3	7	16	0

Montreal, Dec. 27.—The Christmas Day games in the N. H. A. saw two surprises. Wanderers going to Toronto and winning by 6 to 5, while Quebec beat Ottawa at Ottawa by 3 to 2. Wanderers have now won three straight and are out in the lead for the race. Toronto scored first through Denney, who got another followed by one from Harold Meeking, while Bell got one for Wanderers, making first period 3 to 1 for Toronto. Meeking and McNamara scored for Toronto in second, and Bell twice and Sprague Cleghorn for Wanderers, while in the third Sprague Cleghorn and Roberts scored for Wanderers.

Small of Wanderers, collapsed in the third and had to be carried off the ice. Champion Beaton. At Ottawa Ross scored first for home team and Malone and Crawford got one each for Quebec, making first period 2 to 1 for Bull Dogs. Malone got another one in the second and Quebec led 3 to 1. In third period Darrah scored in 4 minutes for Ottawa, who made great efforts to equalize, but Moran in goal for Quebec stopped everything.

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STUBBORNLY FOUGHT INTER-CITY SOCCER MATCH ENDS IN DRAW

Three Goals Each Very Well Indicates Nature of the Play; Teams Play Return Game at Vancouver New Year's Day

On Christmas Day, in the presence of some 800 people, the invading Vancouver soccer eleven played the Victoria team to a 3 all draw. As the score indicates the teams were very evenly matched. The visiting machine proved by far the most formidable that has ever represented Vancouver on local soccer fields. They possessed a fine defence, and a quintette of aggressive forwards.

Weather conditions were ideal for soccer, as the heavy rain during the week had been dried-out by the early appearance on Christmas morning of Old Sol. Both teams were somewhat crippled, Victoria being without the services of Bob Whyte at fullback, while the visitors were minus Peasey and Butchart. Vancouver's combination was good. Their forward line worked like a machine, and caused the Victoria defence plenty of worry. The local team did not combine their attacks, most of their play being individual.

Soon after the commencement of the game Victoria opened an attack. Plump carried the ball down the right wing, and neatly centred to Douglas, who scored. In a determined effort to equalize Vancouver made several combined rushes on the Victoria goal, but the ball was cleared, and again Plump scored on the right wing, sending in a hard shot which Worrall saved. The ball was transferred to the Victoria end, but the local backs were strong and broke up all the attacks. Vancouver were attacking more frequently, but their shooting was not nearly so accurate as that of the locals.

About twenty minutes had elapsed when Vancouver equalized the score. Doull on the left wing beating Leeming with a high shot which the local goalie misjudged slightly. Vancouver were not the aggressors. They pressed hard, but their shooting was not good. Victoria made a breakaway. Jimmy Allan securing the ball and making a beautiful rush. His final shot was well saved by Worrall. Shortly before the interval Forge, at centre, scored the visitors' second goal. The locals now pressed hard, and swept all before them, but the ball was cleared by the visitors' left half. Doull, their centre forward secured, and beating the Victoria backs to the ball, sent in a hard shot which Leeming had no chance to save. The score was now three to one in favor of the visitors. A few moments later Victoria brought their total up to two goals. Filmore took a neat pass from Douglas, and beat Worrall with a beautiful shot. The whistle sounded for half-time with the visitors leading 3 goal to 2.

After the interval Vancouver were again on the aggressive. Their advantage was only momentary, however, as the locals braced up and pressed hard. Marshall and McNaughton, the opposing backs, were strong in defence, and did not permit the local forwards often to get within close range of the goal. About half way through the period Douglas made a nice run up the left wing, and centred to Filmore, who drove in the tying goal. Play from this stage until the shrill blast of the whistle ended the struggle was even. Both sides threatened frequently. "Toots" Plump almost decided the game in favor of Victoria in the final stages of the game when he sent in a hard shot which Worrall had to dive full length in order to save. The teams lined up as follows:

Vancouver—Worrall; Marshall and McNaughton; Dryborough, Wilson and Bruce; Rintoul, MacKinnon, Fergie, Greenwell and Doull. Victoria—Leeming; Sherriff and Taylor; Niven, Petticrew and Allan; Plump, Nicol, Filmore, Muir and Douglas. Referee—Taylor. Result—A draw, three goals each. J. R. Allen gave general satisfaction as referee.

V. P. A. Meeting To-morrow. At to-morrow night's meeting of the Victoria Football Association in the V. M. C. A. a team will be selected to play Vancouver a return game on New Year's Day on the mainland. Another New Year's fixture will be a game at the Royal Athletic park between a civilian team and an eleven selected from the military and naval units. The civic team will be selected at to-morrow's meeting. The first draw for the Feden cup games will be made to-morrow. It is estimated that eight or ten teams will be entered in the cup ties.

DRAWINGS ANNOUNCED. New York, Dec. 27.—Drawings were announced Saturday for the first national junior indoor lawn tennis championships of the United States, which will be played here beginning to-day. Sixty college freshmen and schoolboys, including many of the best young players in the east, are in the list of entrants. The draw for the doubles will be held to-day.

CLUNE WANTS BOUTS. Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 27.—Jack Clune, the Australian lightweight, arrived here Saturday and intends to locate in Milwaukee for the winter. Clune has fought the best lightweights in Australia, including Hughie McEgan, Herb McCoy, Fred Kay and Tommy Uren, and has won most of his battles. He is anxious for a match with Charlie White, Joe Mandot, Milburn Saylor or Pal Brown. H. B. "Imperial" Lager Beer, quarts, 3 for 50c.

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Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 27.—Next season's manager for the Toronto team of the International League may be Joe Birmingham, former manager of the Cleveland Americans. When the baseball moguls met in New York last week Birmingham ran down from Albany and had several conferences on the subject with President Ed Barrow. It is said Barrow thought very favorably of Birmingham and many of the American league men boost him.

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CLOSING WORK OF ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

Final Session May Be Held To-night; Salaries of Higher Officials

If the city council session this evening is finished at an early hour, another meeting of the estimates committee is to be held.

The total amount taken from the estimates as presented is about \$220,000, which includes practically all new work for which the departments sought provision to be made.

Those department heads whose salaries are yet an open matter are the engineering, medical officer and the chief.

Municipal councils which undertake to give an official a good salary to tempt him to change his employment, particularly a professional man with a good reputation, are placed in an anomalous position when circumstances prevent them respecting their undertakings.

The city is in an almost identical case with its city health officer. When Dr. Hall was engaged he did effectively work, and in order to retain him for his whole time he was paid a larger salary.

There is to be a meeting of the finance and legislative committees tomorrow morning. The tax delinquency certificate matter has been referred to the committee for report.

DIED TO-DAY

Mrs. Ann Wale, Esteemed Citizen, Passed Away at Age of 57 Years.

The death occurred at St. Joseph's hospital at an early hour this morning of Mrs. Ann Wale, a highly esteemed citizen.

Of unflinching kindness of heart and a lovable disposition, she made friends among all who knew her.

SAILORS' CHRISTMAS

Friends of "Jack" Supply Beautiful Repast at Seamen's Institute.

The sailor boys, in several cases joined by their wives, had a royal time on Christmas Day at the Seamen's Institute.

It was a cause for general gratification to know that Mrs. Murray Thain, who for so many years has been such a close friend and active worker in the institute, is recovering from her recent illness, and everyone was glad to see her for a short time among the boys on Christmas Day.

At a dinner given by the prime minister of a little kingdom in Ruritania a diplomat complained to his host that the minister of justice, who had been sitting on his left, had stolen his watch.

Library Books

The following new books have just been received at the public library.

FICTION.

- Bacon, (Mrs.) Josephine Dodge (Daskam)—Open market. 1915.
Bressford, J. D.—Mountains of the moon. 1915.
Blackwood, Algernon—Extra day. 1915.
Bordeaux, Henry—Will to live (the Rouevillards). 1915.
Bradley, Mary Hastings—Splendid chance. 1915.
Brady, Cyrus Townsend—Better man; with some account of what he struggled for and what he won. 1911. (Gift.)
Cholmondeley, Mary—After all. 1913.
Colcord, Lincoln—Game of life and death. 1914.
Comfort, Will Levington—Red fleece. 1915.
Dostoevski, Fedor Mikhailovitch—Insulted and injured. 1915.
Fisher, Dorothy—Canfield—Hillsboro people. 1915.
Hanhay, James Owen. (Pseud. George A. Birmingham)—Gossamer.
Harris, (Mrs.) Corra—Co-citizens. 1915.
Heyking, Elizabeth A. L. H. M. M. (Fleming) Cans, baroness von—Loyalty. 1915.
Mills, Pierre—Under the tricolor (Barnavaux et quelques femmes). 1915.
Miller, Elizabeth—Daybreak; a story of the age of discovery. 1915.
Mulder, Arnold—Bram of the Five Corners. 1915.
Olmstead, Florence—Cloistered romance. 1915.
Oocy, Emmuska. Baroness. (Mrs. Montagu Barstow)—Bronze eagle. 1915.
Reynolds, Minnie Josephine—Crayon club. 1915.
Rohmer, Sax—Yellow claw. 1915.
Tschekow, Anton Pavlovitch—Black monk and other stories. 1915.
Van Loan, Charles E.—Buck Parvin and the movies. 1915.
Wells, Herbert George—Boon, The mind of the race, The wild ass of the desert, and The last trump, being a first selection from the literary remains of George Boon. 1915.

RELIGION.

Farquhar, John Nicol—Modern religious movements in India. 1915. 274 pp. \$1.50.

NATURAL SCIENCE AND USEFUL ARTS.

- Eckel, Edwin Clarence—Iron ores; their occurrence, valuation and control. 1914. 553 pp. \$1.95.
Brachvogel, John Kudlich—Industrial alcohol; its manufacture and uses. 1906. 661 pp. \$1.75.
Dieterich, J. F. A. Karl—Analysis of resins, balsams and gum-resins; their chemistry and pharmacognosy. 1901. 668 pp. \$1.65.
Domesny, P., and Noyer, J.—Wood products, distillates and extracts. 1908. 674 pp. \$1.50.
Hofman, Heinrich Oscar—General metallurgy. 1913. 669 pp. \$1.45.
Lamborn, Leebert Lloyd—Modern soaps, candles and glycerin; a practical manual of modern methods of utilization of fats and pills in the manufacture of soaps and candles and of the recovery of glycerin. 1906. Ref. 668.1-122mo.
Lewkowitch, Julius Isidore—Chemical technology and analysis of oils, fats and waxes. 3 vol. 1913. Ref. 665.1-63ch.
Lowry, E. B.—Home nurse. 1914. 610 pp. \$1.25.
McIntosh, John Geddes—Manufacture of varnishes and kindred industries. 2d. ed. 3 vol. 1904. 667 pp. \$1.50.
Mierzinski, Stanislaus—Waterproofing of fabrics. 1914. 677 pp. \$1.50.
Sanford, P. Gerald—Nitro-explosives; a practical treatise concerning the properties, manufacture, and analysis of nitrated substances, including the fulminates, smokeless powder and cord. 1906. 662.2-822nd.
Warden, Edward Chauncey—Nitrocellulose industry; a compendium of the history, chemistry, manufacture, commercial application and analysis of nitrates, acetates, and xanthates of cellulose as applied to the peaceful arts, with a chapter on gun-cotton, smokeless powder and explosive cellulose nitrates. 2 vol. 1911. Ref. 662.2-W92nl.

LITERATURE.

- Blunt, Wilfred Scawen—Poetical works. 2 vol. 1914. \$12-B575po.
Jones, Henry Arthur—Liars; an original comedy in four acts. 1909. 822-377L.
Poet lore. Vol. 22. No. 2. 1911.—Strindberg, August. Creditor. Eber-Eberbach Marie von. Man of the world. \$29-P74L.
Poet lore. Vol. 23. No. 5.—Narodny, Ivan. Fortune favors fools; a musical comedy at the court of the czar. \$29-P74na.
Poet lore. Vol. 24. No. 3. 1912.—Eche-garay, Jose. Madman of saint. Motokiyo, Kanawa; a crown of iron spikes. \$29-P74cc.
Poet lore. Vol. 24. No. 3. 1913.—Ludwig, Otto. Forest warden; a tragedy in five acts. \$29-P74Lu.

HISTORY.

- Duncan, Norman—Australian byways; the narrative of a sentimental traveler. 1915. \$29-P74ab.
France, Government—Germany's violations of the laws of war, 1914-15. 1915. \$49-9-P81ge. (Gift.)
Holland, A. W.—Germany. (Making of the nation). 1914. \$43-H73ge.
Hubbard, Elbert—Who lifted the lid off hell? 1915. \$49-9-H57wh.
Laut, Agnes Christina—Canadian commonwealth. 1915. \$71-07-L35ca.
Ober, Frederick Albion—Guide to the West Indies and Bermuda, and Panama. 1908. \$17-29-O12gu.
Sevill, Elizabeth Robinson, comp.—Names for children; a dictionary of baptismal names for children. 1897. \$29-4-S43na.
Vivian, Evelyn, Charles H., and Williams, E. J. Hodder—Way of the Wild Cross. 1915. \$49-9-V85wa.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS.

Brown, Edna Adelaide—Arnold's little brother. 1915.

SOCIOLOGY.

Currey, E. Hamilton—Man-of-war;



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WATER DAMAGE SALE

STARTS TO-MORROW MORNING AT 9 O'CLOCK

MUNDAY'S SHOE STORE

THE LANDLORD FOOTS THE BILL THIS TIME, SO YOU SHOULD WORRY ABOUT THE PRICES WE OFFER THEM FOR, SO LONG AS YOU GET THEM FOR ALMOST NOTHING

The rain of the past few days was more than our old roof could stand, and on starting to move into our new store this morning, we find that the water has been silently trickling down the walls and into boxes of \$5.00 and \$6.00 Shoes as though they were catch basins—consequently we have dozens of pairs of fine Shoes all mouldy and damp that must be got rid of quick, and at any old price.

See Our Windows To-night. They Will Prove to You That We Are Forced to Sacrifice Quick

HERE ARE THE PRICES THAT WILL SET THE WHOLE TOWN TALKING

LADIES SHOES

Slightly Soiled by Water and Mould

Some have whiskers on, others just damp, and others green with mould, but it don't hurt them for wear, and when dry it will rub off and wear just as though nothing had ever happened.

\$1.00

MEN! LOOK!

THEN GRAB

Here's an offer that will appeal to you. We have odds and ends of broken lines worth up to \$6.00 a pair.

\$1.95

Ladies' Shoes \$1.99

We have added another lot of odds and ends in various sizes to this lot.

We Started to Move To-day So If You Really

Intend saving or really want to save half the price on your Shoes, you'll have to hurry.



Odds and Ends of Slipper Stock

All must go before the move. If you didn't get a pair for Xmas get them now. You can't save money.

Boys' Shoes

Sizes 1 to 5 only \$1.95. Mother! Shoe the boys now. You can save about half your money. Just think, the big sizes only

\$1.95

Ladies' Lace and Button Gun-Metal Shoes \$2.50

They are just what you want for this wet weather, heavy soles and uppers to keep your feet dry.



Men's Rubbers, All Sizes, 50c Pair

They are first quality but have small heels, so instead of \$1.25 you can have them for only a pair 50c



Ladies' Pumps, \$1.90 and \$2.50

For the festive season they are just what you want. Come and help yourself. You will need them; you can never buy for less.



Men's Heavy Box Calf Leather Lined Shoes, \$3.45

A double sole, welted and viscolized to keep out the dampness. A Shoe that gives good satisfaction. Instead of \$5.00 you can have a pair for \$3.45



Men's Velour Calf Shoes in Lace or Button, \$4.80

The very latest styles, but our sizes are getting depleted. The quality is the best and they are fine fitters. See them.

Men's Felt Slippers, Leather Soles, \$1.00 Pr.

Warm and easy, and oh, so comfortable. They will keep your husband in good humor to put on a pair of these.

We have hundreds of other good bargains, and we know you can't duplicate them elsewhere, so you can save both time and money by coming straight to the WATER DAMAGE SALE at

H. E. MUNDAY'S

1227 GOVERNMENT STREET

what she has done and what she is doing. -387-C97ma.

Graham, Stephen—With poor immigrants to America. 1914. 325.1-G74wl.

Royce, Josiah—War and insurance. 1914. 368.6-R85wa.

Spaight, J. H.—Aircraft in war. 1914. 341-S73al.

"Why do you go out rowing with that man? He thinks it's funny to rock the boat." "I've heard so," replied the athletic girl. "I took a dislike to him the first time I saw him, and I'm just dying for an excuse to hit him over the head with an oar."

"Fa, what is an echo?" "An echo, my son, is the only thing that can shout a woman out of the last word."

DESTRUCTIVE STIMULANTS AND DRUGS.

Those who prefer abnormal or unwholesome pleasurable sensations to sound physical, mental and moral health have special and marked capacity for circumventing the most elaborate and comprehensive schemes of philanthropists to save them from themselves.

Some of the ingenious weaklings have distinguished capacities in other directions. Some have given the world treasures in art and literature, and some have helped to guide the world's thought in many fields nearer to the elusive goal of truth.

lost and destroyed by a single weakness. But it is the weakest link in a chain that determines its strength.

While no saving effort should be spared or neglected, and the weak should in all cases be saved from themselves, forcibly if necessary, the disappointment of failure may be softened by the reflection that it is the weak who fall, and that their removal leaves a higher average standard of humanity.—Toronto Telegram.

"Well, how did your ticket come out in the primaries?" "Crooked methods beat us," answered the Plunkville candidate. "We were fixing to offer two dollars for votes and the other side came along offering five. It's a heavy blow to reform."

TELL US SOME MORE!

There are many varieties of drunkenness. There is the man who becomes quarrelsome and wants to fight everybody in the neighborhood. Sometimes he is accommodated, and when the fray is ended he wonders how it is that he has become so painfully sober.

"Pat, Pat," he called out, "shall I come up an' help ye to catch the beast?" Above the crash of breaking branches came a hollow voice, which said:—"Faith, no; but for pty's sake come up an' help me to let him go!"

pidly at his likeness in the mirror, and orders drinks until he was suddenly and falls down on the floor. His legs are weaker than his inclination.—Montreal Gazette.

While out for a walk, Pat and Mike saw a little animal in a tree. "Sure, now," said Pat, "I nivr saw a rabbit up a tree before!" "That's no rabbit," replied Mike, "Faith, thin, and I'll show ye as it is," replied Pat indignantly, as he started to climb the tree. But that animal was a small and very fierce wildcat, and presently there came to Mike's ears sounds of a wild combat and shouts for help.

TAKE A LOOK AT THESE
9 1/2 ACRES
ALL CLEARED,
METCHOSIN DIST.
On main road, opposite church
and school.
**ONE OF THE CHEICEST
PIECES IN THE DISTRICT**
Anyone intending to go in for
poultry raising should not fail to
take a look at it.
PRICE \$395.00 PER ACRE
Terms to suit the purchaser.
Will accept an automobile as part
payment.
Come in and let us give you full
particulars.
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MUSGRAVE**
Winch Bldg., 50 Fort St.

**BANK LINE STARTS A
NEW PACIFIC SERVICE**
Operating Steamships Be-
tween Orient and San Fran-
cisco to Get P. M. Business
San Francisco, Dec. 27.—Making her
first trip to San Francisco from the
Orient in the new service established
by the Bank line, the big freighter In-
verness arrived on Saturday from Manila,
via Hongkong and Moji. The vessel
arrived here loaded to capacity with
general cargo.
It is the intention of the company
operating the Inverness and sister ships
to have a monthly service between the
Far East and San Francisco and to
get a part of the freight which was
carried formerly by the Pacific Mail
liners.
On her first trip to San Francisco
in the auxiliary freight service of the
Toyo Kisen Kaisha, the freighter
Dairen Maru arrived here from the
Orient on Saturday. The vessel
brought 4,900 tons of general cargo
and was fifty-four days from Manila,
via ports of call.
Forty-four days from Hongkong and
eighteen from Yokohama, via Honolu-
lu, the Persia Maru, former Pacific
Mail liner, arrived here on Saturday.
The Persia Maru is making her first
trip under the ownership of the Toyo
Kisen Kaisha, and is officered entirely
by Japanese except the ship's surgeon,
Dr. C. D. Kinsley.
On her present trip, the vessel
brought 152 passengers, and her cargo
amounted to 2,222 tons, of which eighty
tons is raw silk, valued at close to
\$1,000,000.
Coming in from the west coast of
South America with nitrate, the
freighter M. S. Dollar was a late ar-
rival on Saturday. The vessel is
operating under charter to W. R.
Grace & Co.
Charters: Aurelia, American steam-
er, 238 tons, has been purchased by the
Pacific Coast Steamship company,
terms private.

**BIG SEAS SLIGHTLY
DAMAGE THE CHICAGO**
Osaka Liner Has Rough Pas-
sage From Yokohama; Capt.
Hori Says This Worst Winter
With the port companyway to the
boat deck smashed, and a few deck
fixtures on the starboard side broken,
the Osaka Shosen Kaisha liner "Chica-
go Maru," Capt. Hori, arrived in port
this morning at 10:30 o'clock, from
Yokohama and Moji. The steam-
ship had a very rough passage across
the Pacific, and was 16 days on the
way. Capt. Hori reports a bad follow-
ing sea, which would prove very
troublesome to any ship which hap-
pened to be bound in the opposite di-
rection.
The Chicago was badly buffeted,
and tons of water swept her decks.
The wind varied from the N. W. W.
and S. W. and blew a gale for 14 days.
When approaching the Vancouver
Island coast on Saturday the wind led
the ship. She reached William Head
early this morning and was granted
pratique immediately. Dr. Nelson was
fitted with the Saikai Maru.
Worst Year Known.
Capt. Hori says that this is the
worst year in the history of the Pa-
cific. The weather is proving disas-
trous. Westbound shipping is having
a terrible time. The ships are any-
where from three to seven days late in
putting into Yokohama from Victoria
and Seattle, and in most cases they
suffer much damage, both in their
hulls and cargoes. The Tacoma Maru
was three days late arriving, the pow-
erful Manila Maru was a similar time
behind, the Canada Maru was seven
days late, the Montague three, and
the Chicago on her last voyage was
two days late. Boats of the Nippon
line and the other steamships are
having a hard time, but few ships
have been disabled or wrecked.
Several days ago the Chicago Maru
was in communication with the steam-
ship Hawaii Maru of the Osaka first,
which left this port last Tuesday for
the Orient, and she was plugging into
heavy weather. The day the wireless
message was received she had logged
but 180 miles. Her average daily run
is 210 miles.
Capt. Hori says that he has never
seen such seas. On the inward trip
the sea was following, but it gave him
considerable worry as he was afraid
the Chicago might poop a couple of big
combers, which might have disastrous
effects. Ships bound to the eastward
would suffer badly, as the seas would
bound them severely.
Rich Silk Cargo.
The Chicago brought in a shipment
of \$1,000,000 worth of silk. She carried
a full cargo of general freight and is
discharging 750 tons at this port. A
large number of passengers arrived,
including 68 Russians in stowage. They
are going to the United States. One
Chinaman and seven Japanese disem-
barked here. Two Europeans who
were booked to Victoria were refused
admittance by the immigration offi-
cials. Three Chinese, 39 Japanese and
58 Europeans are going through to Se-
attle.

**CALLAO CANNOT BE
FOUND OFF COAST**
Barque Which Flew Distress
Signals Off Cape Beale Has
Not Been Seen Since Friday
**SNOHOMISH HAS HAD A
BUSY TIME CHASING HER**
Was Sent on Wrong Track and
Found Frenchman, Then
Overhauled Disabled Craft
Mystery enshrouds the movements of
the Chilean barque Callao, which was
reported in distress off Cape Beale on
Friday last. The United States life-
saving tug Snohomish has been search-
ing for the craft for the past three
days and during that time has over-
hauled one ship which was supposed
to be the Callao, and picked up the
barque Solferino, which was bound for
the Columbia river, but which jam-
med her rudder and drifted off towards
the Vancouver Island coast.
When last seen the Callao had very
little sail left, and as the wind was
favorable on Saturday and Sunday it
is quite likely that she ran offshore.
This morning a strong southwest gale
sprang up and if she is not well out to
sea, she may be in difficulties before
many hours pass.
Lifeboat Was Alongside.
On Friday morning a radiogram
reached this city from Pachuca that
a barque was standing 14 miles S. S.
E. of Cape Beale, flying distress
signals. The lifeboat at Ranfield was
immediately notified, as well as the
Snohomish. The barfield craft, under
Coxswain Murray, reached the vessel
and went alongside. He asked the
master of the ship if there was any-
thing he could do for him and got the
reply:
"No. All I want is a towboat."
Coxswain Murray reported that the
ship had very little sail left, and he
offered to stand by and take off the
crew, but he could make his destina-
tion, which was Port Townsend. The
weather was fair, and there was a
light easterly wind blowing. The
lifeboat returned to her destination.
Upon receipt of Coxswain Mur-
ray's report the Puget Sound Tow-
boat company was notified and it is
believed a tug was dispatched to the
mouth of the strait.
Snohomish Leaves.
The Snohomish left Port Townsend,
and was outside early on Christmas
morning. She saw no sign of the
Callao. During the morning a wire-
less message was received by the
Snohomish that she might have passed
the barque, as a ship in full sail was head-
ing up the Strait. The tug immedi-
ately turned about, and on overhauling
the craft found her to be the French
barque Marechal de Castries, 145 days
out from Liverpool for the Columbia
river. She was driven north by the
southerly weather, and being unable
to beat back to the Columbia sailed in-
to the Strait. Upon finding out the
mistake the Snohomish immediately
returned to sea and cruised about.
Nothing was seen, and late Saturday
afternoon the tug steamed into Port
Angeles.
At 6:30 o'clock on Christmas night,
when most people were enjoying their
dinners, a wireless message was re-
ceived here that a ship was in distress,
seven miles off Pachuca. It was un-
derstood here that the Snohomish
would be unable to put to sea that
night and the marine department here
immediately took steps to dispatch one
of the lighthouse tenders. The officers
and crew of the Quadra were ordered
to be on board at 8:30 o'clock, and have
a full head of steam on. At the ap-
pointed hour everything was in readi-
ness, and the lines were just about to
be cast off when a message came from
Port Angeles stating that the Snoho-
mish had left that port at 8 o'clock.
The fires were banked on the Quadra
and the officers and men were able to
return home and complete their
Christmas dinners.
Picks Up Another Ship.
The Snohomish made for the position
given and picked up the barque
Solferino. She was bound for the Co-
lumbia river, but her rudder had be-
come jammed, and the current and tide

**ONE CONTINUOUS GALE
FROM YOKOHAMA HERE**
Saikai Maru Was 21 Days
Crossing Pacific; Will Load
Cargo for Vladivostok
Twenty-one days from Yokohama,
the longest eastbound passage this
winter, the Japanese steamship Saikai
Maru, Capt. T. Hayashi, under charter
to the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, arrived at
the outer docks this morning at 9:30
o'clock. The vessel had a very tem-
pestuous trip, and her master reports
one continuous gale from Dec. 6, the
date of his departure from Yokohama,
until two days ago. The wind varied
in velocity from a fresh gale to a verita-
ble hurricane.
The Saikai looked as though she had
been through a cyclone when she ar-
rived here. She is sadly in need of a
good coat of paint. Before entering
the Japanese registry she was the
British ship Bouventaur, and is one of
the old type of freight carriers. How-
ever, she can carry 6,000 tons of cargo
and as freight rates are high at pres-
ent she is turning in to her owners a
very handsome profit.
Weather's Hurricane.
Capt. Hayashi says that the weather
was very severe from Yokohama to the
160 meridian. The heavy following sea
battered the ship about considerably.
Just before crossing the time the wind
reached the velocity of a hurricane,
and the sea became furious. She made
poor progress in the storm and was
hope to for part of the time. The
glass was down to 28.4, the lowest the
captain has seen on the Pacific. The
sea was terrible. The Saikai carried
only 4,000 tons of freight, and was
riding rather light, so that the seas
did not flop on to her deck with any
great force.
The weather continued stormy until
Christmas day when it calmed down,
and the ship for the first time made a
good day's run. It gave the crew a
chance to make their mark, the special
food for New Year's day, which is the
red bitter day in the calendar of the
Japanese. Yesterday was also fair.
The ship reached William Head at 2
o'clock this morning and at daylight
was passed by the quarantine officer.
Bad Outward Trip.
About three months ago the Saikai
Maru was on the Sound and loaded a
full cargo for Vladivostok. She took
30 days to cross to the Siberian port.
The weather was very bad, and for a
part of the voyage she made little bet-
ter than five knots an hour. A little
minor damage was done to the decks,
but she landed her cargo of war ma-
terial in splendid condition.
The Saikai Maru discharged 300 tons
of rice and general merchandise at this
port, and proceeded to Seattle late this
afternoon. She will load on the Sound
for Vladivostok, under charter to Os-
trander & Co.

CHANGE IN SERVICE
Effective December 20
Grand Trunk Pacific Steamships
Sailings for
PRINCE RUPERT 10 a. m. Tuesday and Friday
VANCOUVER 10 a. m. Tuesday
SEATTLE 10 a. m. Tuesday and Friday
Monday
Connecting at Prince Rupert with the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway
Transcontinental Service.
STANDARD DRAWING ROOM AND TOURIST SLEEPING CARS
Steamer and Sleeping Car Reservations may be made at 99 Wharf St.
C. F. EARLE, City Passenger and Ticket Agent. Phone 122.

**BARQUE IVANHOE IS
LOST NEAR HONOLULU**
Chilean Ship Well-Known Here
Grounded and Went to
Pieces; Two Hands Lost
Honolulu, Dec. 27.—Two members of
the crew of the Chilean barque Ivan-
hoe, which went ashore at Kielee, on
the island of Kauai, yesterday were re-
ported to-day to have been lost and
another to be missing. The two who
lost their lives were Antonio Gody, a
Chilean sailor, and the Chinese cook.
The Ivanhoe dragged her anchors for
three hours and finally grounded,
breaking in two. She is reported to be
a total loss.
The Ivanhoe was an iron vessel of
1,250 net tons. She was built in Scot-
land forty-seven years ago. She ar-
rived here from Antofagasta about a
month ago with a cargo of nitrates.
About half the cargo was discharged
here, and she has gone to Eleele with
the balance.
After discharging, she was to have
gone to Puget Sound, where she had
been chartered to carry lumber to Aus-
tralia.
The Ivanhoe was well known in Vic-
toria and also on the Sound. One year
ago last August she was here on her
way to Valparaiso to sign on a crew
and load stores and supplies. The ship
loaded a full cargo of lumber at the
Chemunau mills. When coming north
from Chile to load at the island mills
the captain died, and she was navigat-
ed to port by the chief officer, Capt.
Basterichea, master of the barque
Curzon, which was on the Sound at the
time, was ordered to take the Ivanhoe
south. It is not known whether he re-
tained command of the ship after
reaching Valparaiso and returned to
the Curzon or was on board the Ivan-
hoe when she was lost.

**SHIPPING
INTELLIGENCE**
San Pedro, Dec. 25—Arrived: Str.
Mills, from Seattle (Mendocino Point).
San Francisco, Dec. 26—Arrived:
Str. Governor, from Seattle via Victo-
ria, B. C.; Str. W. S. Porter, from
Seattle.
Dungeness, Dec. 26—Passed in Str.
Gamble, for Port Gamble, via Port
Townsend, in tow of tug Prosper.
Port Townsend, Dec. 26—Arrived:
Ship Marechal de Castries, from Liver-
pool, thence July 25, in tow of tug
Richard Holyoke, now fumigating;
Str. Gamble, from Newcastle, N. S. W.,
thence October 8, in tow of tug Pros-
per.
Everett, Dec. 26—Arrived and sailed:
Str. Congress, from Tacoma for Se-
attle.
Tacoma, Dec. 26—Sailed: Str.
Congress, for Seattle via Everett.
Seattle, Dec. 26—Arrived: Str.
Panama, New York via Straits of
Magellan, San Francisco and Portland;
Str. Congress, Tacoma, via Everett.
Sailed: Str. Admiral Dewey, San Fran-
cisco.

NOTICE TO MARINERS
Mariners are hereby notified that the
new Range lights to lead across Co-
nox Bar, Baynes Sound, will be put in
operation on January 1st, 1916.
The lights will be white, electric and
be visible 10 miles in line of Range,
the bearing of the Range being 232 deg.
S 17 deg. W. Magnetic.
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tained outside the bar to mark this
channel will be withdrawn without
further notice. See Department Notice
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**S. S. SOLVEIG CONDEMNED
BY FRENCH PRIZE COURT**
Washington, Dec. 27.—The steamship
Solveig, owned by the American Trans-
Atlantic company, has been condemned
by the French prize court. The owners
will appeal.
Flying a Norwegian flag, the Solveig
was seized while in a French port. Her
American papers reached her com-
mander a few days later. Suspicion of
German ownership was given as the
cause for the detention of the vessel.
set her close to the Vancouver Island
shore. While in the danger zone she
burned flares. The weather was calm
and the crew finally effected temporary
repairs. The Snohomish offered her as-
sistance, but the skipper said that he
thought he would be able to beat off-
shore and reach the river.
The Snohomish is still off the coast
seeking for the Callao, which has be-
come a mystery ship.
Teas Keep Lookout.
The C. P. R. steamer Teas, which
returned yesterday from Holberg, was
instructed upon leaving Yakquot to
keep a lookout for the Callao, but she
failed to see anything of her.
Some word is expected to-night or
to-morrow of the mystery ship. She is
in ballast for Port Townsend for or-
ders.
The following is a genuine extract
from a schoolboy's Bible examination
paper:—Q. What does Scripture say
of a lie? A. A lie is an affirmation
to the Lord, but a very present help in
time of trouble.

**A VALUABLE CARGO
ON STEAMSHIP YEDDO**
Boston, Dec. 27.—The cargo of the
steamship Yeddo, bound for this port
and New York from Calcutta, reported
to-day as sunk by a submarine,
was valued by A. C. Lombard &
Company, local consignees, at more
than \$2,000,000, although its exact
nature was not known as the bills of
lading have not yet arrived. When
sent here, six months ago, the Yeddo
was commanded by Captain Brennan
and carried fifteen officers and a crew
of sixty men.

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Saikai Maru	Hori	3,900	P. R.	Tokohama	Dec. 24
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Titan	Read	5,800	Dodwell & Co.	Hongkong	Jan. 2
Crown of Seydlitz	4,300	Balfour, Guthrie	Liverpool	Jan. 20

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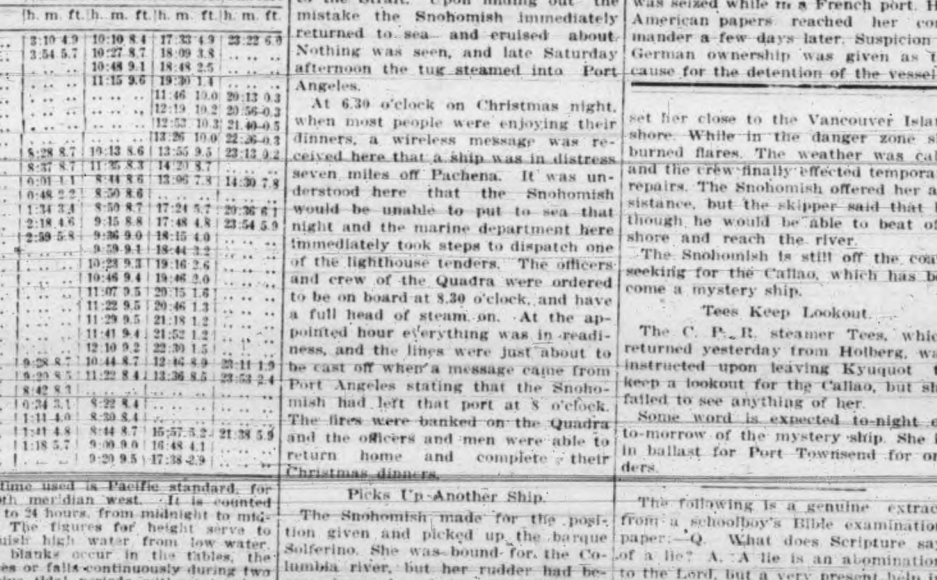
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CHRISTMAS SPIRIT AND BATTLEFIELDS

Sermon Preached in the First Unitarian Church on Sunday Morning, December 26, by the Minister, Rev. W. G. Latham, B. A.

The significance of Christmas was never greater than it is to-day. At this hour the Christmas season is full of the most inspiring suggestions and fragrant with the most refreshing thoughts. The present world situation is so unparalleled that the commemoration of the Galilean's birth assumes a wider meaning and reveals a deeper purport than it has done in the years that have gone. As we ponder over the angel's song, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and good-will to men," and then endeavor to conjure up a picture of the appalling conditions on the battlefields of Europe, we ask ourselves whether the vision of the Nazarene is not the dream of an unbalanced mind, a Utopia which it is impossible for us to realize. In our imagination we travel to the distant trenches over which broods the specter of death and around which the vulture seeks its prey. We catch a glimpse of what war means, with its unbridled passions and unspeakable suffering, and then we think of the life of Him whose birth we now celebrate, as He moved quietly among His fellowmen, His soul stirred to its depths by the great ideals that had taken possession of Him, and exhorting His fellows to prepare themselves for the coming of the Kingdom of God, which an everlasting and universal peace would be realized among the nations of the earth. The name of that great son of Israel has been spread abroad throughout the world; the Christian church has become a worldwide organization, and has always professed to incorporate in its declarations the teachings of the Galilean, and yet after the lapse of nineteen centuries, during which men have struggled and fought, and died, Mars, the relentless god of war, has again hurled his lessons upon the sons of men, and the whole world has been convulsed in a cataclysm which knows no parallel in all the history of the race. And so a second Christmas has come upon us, and we still find ourselves forced to ask, "What and when will be the end of it all?"

Is peace then, but an idle dream? Should we dismiss Tennyson's "Federation of the World" with a smile and seek to bury it in the depths of forgetfulness? Is it unwise for us to look forward to the future with the expectation that higher and better relationships will be consummated among the nations? Must we continue to believe that war is a necessary element in human life, and that its absolute elimination would be antagonistic to the plans and purposes of nature? Nay! the human heart rises in revolt against such a suggestion and refuses to abandon its belief in the ultimate triumph of righteousness. In spite of all that man has suffered, in spite of all his failures and disappointments and sorrows, in spite of all his faults and sins and misdeeds, he always remains the creature of eternal hope. There is something within him that will not let down his banner, how rushing the flows it may receive from time to time. If you reflect upon the history of the past, you will realize how intense and how continuous has been the struggle of the race against the forces of reaction and decay. Many a time the odds were tremendous, many a time the possibilities of victory seemed to dwindle ominously, but the indomitable spirit of man stood up defiantly against all the enemies that dared to cross his path, and achieved triumph after triumph, almost without knowing why. Through blood and tears and sweat, through pain and suffering and death, the race has struggled valiantly onward, and even to-day, after a fiery baptism which knows no equal, it faces the future with the grim determination to advance still further. Man is invariably optimistic, and we are forced to conclude that the pessimist is the one who is out of tune with the infinite. And so, right down the ages, there has sounded the watchword of the race.

"Out of the night that covers me, Black as the pit from pole to pole, I thank whatever gods there be For my unconquerable soul."

The eternal city of the universe for life; that is the goal towards which everything is striving. The tiny amoeba in the stagnant pools, the wild animal that roams the forest in search of food, the tree that forces its way through the rock and sends the chief in twain, the man who earns his bread by the sweat of his brow, and the man who fastidiously surrounds himself with all the luxuries that wealth can buy—all of them are striving for life and more life. And yet we are ever face to face with the fact of death. In whatever direction we turn, the grim monster as it has been called, confronts us, and as we weight the one against the other, and perceive the awful prevalence of death and decay, and the dissolution of all creation, we begin to wonder if annihilation is the destiny laid up in store for us. The flower with all its subtle beauty and delicious perfume, is but the creation of a day, and after smiling upon us for a few brief hours, it passes silently away. The prophet and the poet, the philosopher and the poet, appear upon the stage of the world, and after a brief sojourn among the sons of men; death lays his hand upon them, and they bid us goodbye. Tribes become peoples and peoples become nations and nations become empires, and then, after going through all the stages of growth maturity and decay, they disappear and the place that once knew them knows them no more.

On the face of it we wonder why all

this should be. We wish to understand why nature should be so prodigal of her jewels. Why all this seeming waste and seeming recklessness on the part of our Universal Mother? These are questions which we have all asked ourselves at some time or other, and yet when we come to view the matter in wide perspective, we begin to realize that death is but the necessary complement of life, that death is the twin brother of life, that death is, in fact, life itself seen upon its darker side.

That then is the method nature pursues of realizing progress. She welcomes death for the sake of life. She bids farewell to the beautiful and the good in order that the beautiful and the good may be realized in still fuller measure. She destroys the foundations upon which men have built the structure of truth, in order that a greater and more magnificent edifice may take the place of the old. She sets only a temporary value upon the products of her toil, so that she may be always ready to welcome that which may prove of still more value.

And yet nothing that is worthwhile is ever really lost. It may break up and disappear, it may change its form, but the law of continuity sees to it that these best products of each generation are transmitted to the next. New civilizations rise upon the ruins of the old. But the highest essence of the old is always handed over as a heritage to the new. Change and decay in all around we see, and yet in the final analysis we will find that the good is always giving place to the better.

Why is it, then, that we look upon death as an enemy? Why do we speak of it as the grim monster and as the foe that we must always fight? It is simply because we are all crying out for life, we are reaching out for life more full and more abundant, and so we resist the downward tendency with all the powers that we possess. The struggle for existence is the explanation of all movement and all activity. We set value upon earthly possessions according to the degree in which they contribute to our fulness of life. When the friend whom we have come to love and esteem as dearly as ourselves takes his departure from our side, we feel his loss so keenly, just because his going means a diminution of our life, a draining of the fountains which have nourished and refreshed our souls. And yet is he really lost? Is he but senseless dust who has brought a chair into our lives and given us the joy of human comradeship? No! his spiritual essence is still by our side, and if we attune our spirits in the proper way, we may still rejoice in his presence.

The battlefields of Europe have taken a tremendous toll of human life. Tens of thousands of young men, with the best part of life before them, full of highest promise and swayed by the noblest ambitions, have been sacrificed upon the altars of the war-god, and he is not yet satisfied. And sometimes we are tempted to ask ourselves whether the results we have set out to achieve are really worth the cost, whether all the agony and death of the past months can ever find a corresponding recompense. But if we ponder for a moment we will realize that unselfish sacrifice is not waste, and that it never goes forth without its due reward. It is the law of the universe that all true progress comes through sacrifice, that all true spiritual achievement comes through man's willingness to give himself for ideals not yet realized, while on the other hand, the presence of selfishness and indifference to the welfare of others means stagnation and eventual death. If we remember to look upon this matter from a social and not an individual point of view, if we remember that no man liveth unto himself, but that we are all parts of one great whole, in whose progressive movement we all participate and for which we are all responsible, then we shall be inspired by the thought that even the awful sacrifices that are being made upon the distant plains of Europe may speak not so much of death as of a more abundant life for the generations yet unborn.

We may dare to hope that the flowing blood of the martyrs which stains the grass of a distant continent, may prove to be the seed from which there will spring in the after years a harvest of untold benefits. And so as we look the great world tragedy in the face, and hear the call for still further sacrifices, we may devoutly repeat those beautiful words of George Matheson:

"O Cross that lifted up my head, I thank you for the gift of life, I lay in dust life's glory dead, And from the ground there blossoms red, Life that shall endless be."

I am willing to take the risk of being called a rash Utopian dreamer, but I would rather be the messenger of joy than the prophet of despair. It is the man possessing the joyful spirit, the man whose life is guided by the good old Stoic principle that a man is the maker of his own destiny, and that we can extract from the world of experience whatever we wish of good or bad, who becomes the real creator, who is able to arise in creative power and mould circumstances according to his will. The pessimist, on the other hand, blights and withers all he touches, and sends up a perpetual lamentation because of the cruelty of his fate.

And I believe we are quite justified in entering into the real spirit of the Christmas season and wishing each other a happy Christmas in the deeper sense of the word, because if we look towards the eastern horizon we shall see the promise of a better day, the signs of the coming of a new civilization. Just as surely as the sun that sets to-day will rise again to-morrow, so the sun of righteousness and peace which for the moment has been eclipsed, will appear once again, and the shining shafts of the brighter day, if nature can be trusted, as I believe she can, to carry out her eternal and unchanging purpose, then such a hope is no vain illusion, but rather a glorious vision that must be consummated in the process of the years.

One of the most encouraging features

of the present world situation is the high idealism which has taken hold of the mind of democracy. The tide of human ideals never ran so high as it is doing to-day, and the spiritual aspirations of the common people were never so full of promise. And bear in mind that idealism is a word to conjure with. It strikes the fundamental note to all human progress, because behind all the manifestations of history are the thoughts and ideals that have found a dwelling-place in the minds of men. We must not for a moment minimize the importance of ideals, because they are the very things that make life what it is. As Thackeray says, "Sow a thought and reap an act, sow an act and reap a habit, sow a habit and reap a character, sow a character and reap an eternal destiny." As a man thinketh so he will become; as a nation thinketh so it will become; and as the world thinketh so it will become. If you want to trace the present war to its ultimate source, you will find that it has its roots in a false idealism; and so the only way to ensure a lasting peace is to plant a true idealism in the place of the old.

And that higher idealism is winning its way into the hearts of men. The ancient glory of war has departed and a hideous spectre has taken its place. All the nations involved in the present conflict have been zealously endeavoring to free themselves of responsibility for it before the unseen tribunal of the world. They have come to realize the awful guilt that rests upon a people who have plunged a world into a welter of blood and crime, and so they are anxious that their hands should be clean. Right in the very midst of war, democracy is rising in revolt against it, is beginning to demand that such a thing must never happen again, and is beginning to look upon war as a dreadful anachronism which can be tolerated no longer.

The great biological fact of the struggle for existence led Bernhardt to make the emphatic declaration that "war is a necessary factor in the furtherance of culture and power; that in fact, war is the father of all things." But we are coming to understand that while effort and struggle are essential elements in human development, they need not always take place upon the low plane of the physical and material. We feel that the time has come when war and conflict should move to a higher plane, namely, the plane of the mental and spiritual. International rivalry will even then exist, but it will not result in blood-stained battlefields and the overthrow of beautiful cities. Peoples and nations will then vie with each other for the possession of the only true riches, the riches of the mind and the spirit, riches which neither moth nor rust can corrupt and stored in mansions where thieves do not break through nor steal. Then the products of labor and industry will not be given over to the upkeep of a material militarism, nor to mere material aggrandisement, but to the development of all that is best and noblest in human life. The birth of a Shakespeare will be looked upon as a greater asset to a nation than the building of a battleship, the production of a great book will be considered far more valuable than a whole battalion of fully trained troops. Such an ideal may seem too Utopian to be worthy of much consideration, but let us remember that ideals are the true creative forces at work in the world, and that the race will reap a harvest which will correspond with the measure of its ideals. It is difficult to believe that the day of absolute peace is near at hand, but we can at least make up our minds to follow the gleam, we can at least labor and work and pray for the coming of that day, when

"Nation with nation, land with land, (Dormant shall live as comrades free.) In every heart and brain shall throb The pulse of one fraternity. No arts shall bloom of lovelier mould, And mightier music fill the skies, And every life shall be a song, When all the earth is Paradise."

To-day we think of the Prince of Peace and of His message for the world. At this glad Christmastide we think of Him who proclaimed His mission in these words, "I am come that ye may have life and that ye may have it more abundantly." Away above the roar of cannon and the smoke of battle, we can still hear the voice of that great representative man, as He exhorts us to leave the past with its mistakes and follies behind us, to ascend the heights as yet unascended, and to rise on stepping stones of our dead selves to higher things. In times like these we should be more anxious than ever to claim Jesus as one of ourselves, to link Him up with our common humanity so that we may have the inspiration of a great human companion and a great human friend. In times like these, it becomes us to dismiss all the legendary accretions that have gathered round His person, and to recognize Him as the true product of the race, who speaks to us of what we all may be. In times like these, we need to reach more and more the true spirit of the Nazarene, the spirit which feels that the universe is on the side of right and against wrong, and that if we take advantage of all the gifts that lie within our reach, we may become actual gods, who can speak to the world outside of us and make it respond to our bidding.

Jesus is not only the Man of Galilee, but He is the man of the world. He is the great cosmopolitan, whose message towers far above the limitations of tribe and nation and creed and sect, and makes its appeal to man as man. We sometimes hear it said that Christianity has failed, and that we must now look for another prophet, who will give us a more dynamic and more practical message. But Christianity has not failed because it has never really been tried. Jesus is still in the van, our belief in the leadership of Jesus was never more fitting than it is to-day, and the Christmas message is surely the most inspiring that can possibly come to a world that is passing through the dark stormclouds of universal strife.

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It is improbable that any attempt will be made to open up the question of munition workers' education, which will be left dormant till after the new year.

As the schools are in recess, and the staff of teachers will be decreased when term recommences, there are not the usual appointments to be made. There is, however, a vacancy in the position of school nurse, void by resignation, and the committee to whom was referred the series of applications probably will be in a position to make a report. Some very good applications are on file, but the post probably will be offered to a trained nurse.

Considerable interest attaches to the forthcoming election for trustees. Since Trustees Jay and Major Riddell were elected two years ago, the sentiment of the people has greatly changed on school matters, and the public is much more critical of public expenditures than it was at that time. Deference to that opinion has no doubt delayed a start with the new King's road-school. Up to the present no new names have been suggested in addition to the retiring trustees, all of whom have given good service, and who may be returned by acclamation two weeks from to-day.

However when the municipal campaign comes round, the citizens will probably seek an undertaking that the estimates for 1916 will be prudent.

DIVERSION OF FUNDS

Report Upon Seawall Loans Will Be Made by City Solicitor This Evening.

At the meeting of the city council this evening the city solicitor will submit a report upon the proposal to divert the balance of the credits on the Dallas Road and Cemetery Protection by-laws to the construction of a stores building at Garbally Road.

The solicitor draws a distinction between an amount voted by the ratepayers for construction, and one voted for repairs, and points out that this factor should be borne in mind when considering the question. As the government contributed to the cost of one of the walls, it is remarked that its opinion might be obtained before the sums are diverted.

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Paris, Dec. 27.—An attack by sea upon the Tripolitan coast was announced in today's official communiqué. It said that a French cruiser bombarded fortifications erected by the tribesmen under German and Turkish leaders on the Gulf of Sollum, a battery being wiped out.

London, Dec. 27.—The main Arab force which had been operating near Materuh was attacked on Christmas Day and dispersed by the British who suffered small losses, it was announced officially today.

Berlin, Dec. 27.—Senussi tribesmen advancing along the Egyptian coast near the Tripolitan border, have driven the British out of Materuh, to which they retired late in November, after a strong Arab force had compelled their retreat from Sollum, according to a Turkish official report received here today from Constantinople.

VOTE OF THE WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIANS ON UNION

Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—This week will complete the returns on the voting on church union in the Presbyterian congregations of this city. The ballots are slow in coming in. In the Old and New St. Andrew's churches the result so far is 236 in

favor and 11 against, with about 12 ballots outstanding. In Chalmers church the elders have not polled their votes, but the members and adherents have registered as follows: Members, 80 for and 7 against; adherents, 11 for and 9 against, making a total of 91 in favor and 7 against.

In Robertson Memorial church the vote nearly resulted in a tie. The elders were ranged 5 for and 5 against, the members 33 for and 29 against, making the total 41 in favor and 35 against.

The King Memorial church polled 145 votes in favor of union and 37 against.

DARCY STOPS M'GOORTY.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 27.—Les Darcy easily defeated Eddie McGoorty in the eighth round of their match. McGoorty was punished so severely that his seconds threw up the sponge. The fight was witnessed by 16,000 persons.

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GERMANY WILL BE CRUSHED BY DEBT

In Vorwaerts Financial Expert Points Out Some Bitter Truths

Berlin, Dec. 27.—A financial expert contributes to Vorwaerts an article respecting Germany's financial condition, in which he denounces the ministry of the treasury, which paints the situation in optimistic colors. He asserts that the nation is on the verge of financial bankruptcy. "With the latest credits demanded," he says, "the German war debt amounts to \$10,000,000,000. According to Dr. Helfferich, director of the treasury, this sum will carry on the war until March, 1916. For every additional month, the war will cost us \$500,000,000. "One may be certain that money, as in the past, will be found by loans, but it is equally certain that a loan will bear interest at 5 per cent, and some day will have to be redeemed. "Staggering Increase. "We are already assured of an interest obligation of \$300,000,000 a year. Redemption will be inevitable, as the credit of the empire can be maintained after the war in no other way. With interest charges and the colossal sums which will be required for pensions to war survivors and dependents, the sum will be face-to-face with a debt of at least \$25,000,000,000 per annum more than before the war. "Apart from items of the annual budget, which remain more or less stationary, the net income the last year before the war did not attain even \$500,000,000. "But after war debt alone, therefore, will amount to more than double the imperial income. But it is notorious that before the war our industrial financial conditions caused grave difficulties. Since 1906 one financial reform has followed another, and the government was constantly on the outlook for new sources of revenue. The 1907 tax-burden was increased at one swoop by \$125,000,000. Even then the budget did not balance. In 1912 the government resorted to the extraordinary measure of a direct tax on incomes and factories to raise \$250,000,000 for an army increase. Yet even after that there had to be a loan to cover the deficit. "The Outlook. "This is quite enough to enable one to estimate what is ahead if we are going to provide for the \$25,000,000,000 more a year than ever before. Besides all this, the fiscal system of the empire will hardly be maintained. One point among the items of revenue is that derived from customs on imports. In the year 1912-13 it amounted to \$18,750,000. This came, for the most part, from taxes imposed on imported food and raw or half-finished products required by our industries. "The prices of these wares in the market of the world undoubtedly will rise after the war, which will mean that the cost of them, if the German import tariff remains the same, will be artificially raised to a point considerably higher than during the war. "Such a burdening of German industry will undermine our competitive capacity. The interests of our commerce demand, therefore, the complete abolition of those import tariffs after the war. Yet the consequence of such abolition would be an enormous hole in our imperial income. How, then, does the government think it is going to regulate the imperial finances? "Dr. Helfferich admits the question has caused anxiety, but until now he has failed to give any indication of how he expected to surmount the difficulties. Members of the reichstag who voted for the new credit nevertheless bear the same responsibility to the taxpayers as the finance minister. It is natural that those who make the debts in the name of the nation should bear responsibility for the manner in which the people are to be burdened for interest and redemption of these debts. The time seems to have come for the government and the reichstag to answer the question: "Where are things leading?"

LITTLE NEWS FROM THE BALKAN FRONT

Bulgaria Trying to Extract From Germany Fresh Guarantees of Compensation

London, Dec. 27.—The report that Germany has completed its diplomatic manoeuvres with Greece, by which Berlin guarantees Greek territorial integrity in return for Greek assurances that no aid will be afforded to the allies, may be the signal for summary action on the part of the entente. It is generally understood that Great Britain and France not only stipulated that no interference should be placed in the way of their operations at Salonica, but that Bulgarian aggression should be actively opposed by Greece. Early during the Serbian campaign, the allies showed Greece that any opposition to their plans or friendliness shown for the Germans would be punished without delay. Twice the Greek ports were blockaded when the government hesitated too long in meeting the demands of the allies. "The Daily Mail's correspondent at Salonica telegraphs an interview with a Bulgarian politician who was obliged to flee from his country. This politician, representing the Bulgarians as having plans of men to attack the allies and as not being halted by any respect for Greek neutrality. He says the Bulgarians are trying to extract from Germany guarantees of compensation which include the ownership of all territory they have occupied. If the Germans do not agree to these demands, says the politician, the Bulgarians will "dig in" and continue the defence of the new ground they hold. German heavy artillery in the Euboean region continued to throw shells against the Anglo-French defence today, according to unofficial dispatches from Athens, but there is nothing to indicate that an attack on Salonica has begun. Little News. "There is an absence of news of real activity by either the allied or the Teutonic forces. It is felt here that the troops defending Salonica may be on the eve of what perhaps will prove to be one of the most important battles of the war. The holding of the Germans and their allies would mean the collapse of their designs against the Suez canal and Egypt. The throwing back of the Germans and their allies would mean not only the entire collapse of these designs, but in all likelihood the turning point in the war. No one fails to appreciate the enormous stakes being played. There is a general feeling of optimism here, as the defenses in the Salonica region, the "New Lines of Torres Vedras," are regarded as impregnable. "It can be stated reliably that the allies now have a force of roundly 400,000 men defending the entrenched camp at Salonica. Against this, there is a Bulgarian-Teutonic force of uncertain numbers. It is recalled that the Austro-German and Bulgarian armies sent into Serbia when the Balkan campaign was begun were estimated at about 750,000 men. The casualties during the Serbian campaign, however, were very considerable and must have depleted that force greatly, and there has been no hint of many reinforcements being sent to fill the broken ranks. This being the case, the commentators here are backward about making estimates, preferring to be on the safe side, however, that the combined Austro-German and Turco-Bulgarian armies, are not numerically inferior to those of the allies, but are, if anything, somewhat greater.

FORD TO BUILD PEACE PALACE AT COPENHAGEN

London, Dec. 27.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph company says: "Henry Ford is reported to have told friends he expects to build a peace palace at Copenhagen."

HENRY FORD WILL PROCEED TO DETROIT

Detroit, Dec. 27.—Anxiety of his family and business friends concerning the health of Henry Ford, who is returning from his European peace journey, was relieved today by an announcement of the cablegram from Stockholm. The message, addressed to Mrs. Ford, stated that Mr. Ford was only slightly ill, and that he would come to Detroit immediately after arriving in New York.

MAJ. BECHER DIED IN QUEBEC ON CHRISTMAS

Quebec, Dec. 27.—Major A. V. Becher, medical officer of the 23rd Battalion, London, Ont., died here on Christmas Day, of pneumonia. He was 45 years old and a veteran of the South African war.

BOY-ED WILL LEAVE NEW YORK TO-MORROW

New York, Dec. 27.—Captain K. Boy-Ed, the recalled German naval attaché, will leave New York on the liner Rotterdam to-morrow. He reserved his stateroom to-day.

NO AMERICANS.

New York, Dec. 27.—The Messageries Maritimes, the line owning the steamship Ville de Ciotat, sunk in the Mediterranean by a submarine, is represented in the United States by the International Sleeping Car company. So far as is known here, no Americans were among the passengers.

ECHO OF BAG ACCIDENT.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Mr. Justice Sutherland has ratified a settlement whereby the International Railway company will pay Mrs. Hannah Crombie and her two children, of Toronto, \$1,330 damages for injuries received in the electric car accident after the Woodgreen Tabernacle picnic at Queenston on July 7 last.

FROM GOVT. SERVICE TO THE FIRING LINE

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—Government employees who are fit for service are to have the opportunity of going to the front. Major-General Sir Sam Hughes is gathering the names of eligible Canadian women, capable stenographers, at suitable figures, who will be able to take the places of the men in the militia department who are fit for active military service. The ministers at the head of the other departments will follow the lead given and a considerable fighting force will be the result.

SCHEME OPPOSED.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—A writ applying for an injunction to restrain the city of Toronto from submitting to the electors a by-law to authorize the city council to guarantee \$4,000,000 of bonds to be sold to finance the construction of Sir Adam Beck's hydro-electric radial from Toronto to London was entered at Osgoode Hall to-day. The grounds are technical, based upon the omission in defining certain divisions for voting.

FROM BERLIN.

Berlin, Dec. 27.—According to advices received here from Sofia, an amicable adjustment has been reached of the differences between Greece and Bulgaria which arose from the engagement between troops of those nations in Albania. The Greek government has now requested Bulgaria to withdraw her troops from the Albanian territory they hold. It is expected Bulgaria's answer will be satisfactory.

TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—The market, which opened with lead following by the bulls, closed with contented gains from the bears. Winnipeg dropped 1/2 to 1/4 from Friday's close. The market was a rather heavy one after the first bull spurt at the opening. Cash wheat was not wanted except in houses on the P. R. tracks and deliveries through the clearing houses were 60,000 bushels of wheat and 300,000 bushels of oats.

Wheat—	Open.	Close.
Dec.	117 1/2	116 1/2
Jan.	122 1/2	120 1/2
July	122 1/2	121 1/2
Oats—		
Dec.	41 1/2	41 1/2
Jan.	41 1/2	41 1/2
July	41 1/2	41 1/2
Flax—		
Dec.	157 1/2	156 1/2
Jan.	156 1/2	155 1/2
July	156 1/2	155 1/2

MONTREAL STOCKS

(By F. A. Borden & Co.) Montreal, Dec. 27.—The local market displayed a decidedly better tone today, substantial gains being recorded along with considerable activity. The lion's share of the business was done in the steel shares, although the Powers and Canada Car Foundry scored nice gains. The higher New York market, with the substantial gains being registered, will be for some time.

High Low Last	
Ames Helden	394 392 394
Ames Tel.	108 108 108
Brazilian Trac.	54 54 54
Crown and Copper	71 71 71
Cedar Rapids	41 41 41
Can. S. S. com.	154 154 154
Can. pref.	71 71 71
Dominion Bridge	230 230 230
Detroit United	70 70 70
Dom. Camera	70 70 70
Dom. Investment	48 48 48
Gen. Electric	112 112 112
Gen. Motors	78 78 78
L. H. Tractor	61 61 61
Lake of Woods Mig.	132 132 132
Laurentide	184 184 184
Montreal Power	234 234 234
N. S. Steel	102 102 102
Ogilvie Flour Mig.	125 125 125
Ottawa Power	129 129 129
Penmans. Ltd.	61 61 61
Quebec Railway	15 15 15
Shawinigan	137 137 137
Steel of Can.	40 40 40
Textile com.	102 102 102
Toronto Railway	111 111 111
Twin City	85 85 85
Winnipeg Elec.	130 130 130

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Can. Next Co.	6 1/2	2 1/2
Concession Gold	14 1/2	12 1/2
Granby	89 1/2	80 1/2
Int. Coal & Coke Co.	9 1/2	10 1/2
Lucky Jim Zinc	94 1/2	9 1/2
McGillivray Coal	14 1/2	16 1/2
Parliamentary	31 1/2	31 1/2
Rambler Cariboo	18 1/2	20 1/2
Red Cliff	9 1/2	9 1/2
Standard Lead	136 1/2	2 1/2
Stowarm	37 1/2	37 1/2
Stewart M. & D.	15 1/2	15 1/2
Stewart Star	15 1/2	15 1/2
Stewart Land	7 1/2	7 1/2
Victoria Phoenix Brew.	115 1/2	115 1/2

TOP LEVELS IN WHEAT REACHED ON OPENING

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.) Chicago, Dec. 27.—Top-notch figures were seen at the opening of the wheat market and then came a natural dip due primarily to general realizing on the part of over-loaded bulls. Prices almost reached the high level later in the session and then dragged, closing one cent lower than Friday. During past few months and until recently little has been heard of the big export of American and Canadian wheat. As a matter of fact exports of wheat and flour from United States ports from July 1 to Dec. 30 exceeded those for the same period a year ago. It is clear that European buyers control the wheat markets on this side of the water and their needs are still imperative and will be for some time.

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BOYS' CONFERENCE FOR THREE DAYS

Interesting Programme Arranged for Y. M. C. A. Event Which Opened To-day

The first boys' conference of any size ever held in the city was opened this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Y. M. C. A. under the auspices of the boys' division of the Y. M. C. A. R. E. Crompton, boys' work director at the summer camp held at Orcas Island, in conjunction with the Seattle Y. M. C. A. was the originator of the idea of the conference, which is to be attended by delegations from Tacoma, Seattle, Bellingham and Vancouver.

The programme is an interesting one, and has been arranged with an idea of introducing the boys to each other as well as for the purpose of conference on Y. M. C. A. and related matters. The visiting delegates, of whom 141 were expected from the points mentioned, arrived by the 1 o'clock boat from Seattle and the 2:30 boat from Vancouver this afternoon, being met by members of the local Y. M. C. A. and taken at once to headquarters. The plan of billeting the visitors was decided on last week, as the organizers here felt that it would be better to keep the home influence over the boys during their stay in the city. Consequently, the delegates were billeted to their respective headquarters while in the city. There are a number still unprovided for, however, and it is hoped that other generous citizens will throw open their homes during their stay here.

The following is the proposed programme to be followed: To-day, 3-5 p.m.—Open swimming pool. The local boys will be able to bring their guests down to the Y. M. C. A. for a swim, after which they will return home for supper. 6 p.m.—Supper for visiting boys' secretaries and conference officials at Y. M. C. A. 7:30 p.m.—Camp reunion. This event will take the form of a camp fire meeting, the fire being artificially constructed in the gymnasium. The evening's programme will include the Y. M. C. A. trio of Marwood, Hodges and Crompton in parody and song, "I Hear You Calling Me," by Rees High; story, "The Poisoned Thorn," by Sergeant Arthur O. Hughes; bugle calls by Buglers Marwick and Hibben. A performance in which every delegation will be responsible for some contribution to the programme; violin solo, by Cecil Leung. Several well known characters such as Charles Chaplin will be in attendance. The programme will also include a stereopticon lantern show of last summer's camp pictures by Mr. Crompton. Tuesday, 9 a.m.—Conference in boys' room. The service will commence with a song-lead by Mr. A. R. Hodges, a quiet hour, led by Hilde Burwell, boys' secretary of Tacoma Y. M. C. A., and a 20-minute address by Rev. Dr. C. T. Scott. 10 a.m.—Trip to Esquimalt, visit to drydock, etc., and walk via Admiral's and Gorge roads back to the Gorge car. 1 p.m.—Lunch down town (Dutch treat). From 1 to 2 o'clock a "spy" will be "abroad," and a prize of a watch and job has been offered by Wenger's Jeweller's store to the boy that is able to discover and "arrest" him. All visiting boys and Y. M. C. A. members will be eligible to "hunt." 2 p.m.—Conference picture. 2:15 p.m.—Junior Athletic tournament. This event will be for boys between 12 and 16 years of age, and will include group games, races and track events. 2:30 p.m.—Relay race from Y. M. C. A. at Willows camp to the city. Six teams will be entered, representing the High schools of Vancouver, New Westminster, Bellingham, Seattle, Tacoma and Victoria. The local team will be made up of High school boys who are members of the Victoria Y. M. C. A. 4:30 p.m.—Junior swimming gala. 6 p.m.—Conference banquet. For the banquet the following programme has been decided upon: Tom Taylor, president of boys' council, will preside. 1. Toast, "The King." T. Taylor; response, singing, "God Save the King." 2. Toast, "Our Guests." Aid. George Bell; response, Walter Jenkins, Seattle. 3. Song, "The Veteran Song." Allan Marwood. 4. Presentation, Archie McKinnon. 5. Address, Tracy Stewart, boys' work secretary, Seattle. 6. Recitation, selected, Maxwell G. Phillips, U. S. Immigration officer. 7:30 p.m.—Older boy athletic meet. This tournament will be similar to the one in the afternoon, but will be for High school and employed boys: 9 p.m.—Older boy swimming gala. Wednesday, Dec. 29, 9 a.m.—Conference in boys' room. The service will be in charge of E. W. Witham, general secretary. Allan Marwood will lead the song service. Mr. Witham the quiet hour and Rev. Chas. A. Sykes will give a 20-minute talk to the boys. 10 a.m.—Visit to the Willows bar-

racks, by permission of Camp Commandant Lieut.-Colonel Kipstick. The boys will visit the different barracks, the parade ground and the "battle field" of the 67th Battalion, Western Scots. 1 p.m.—Lunch down town. 1:45 p.m.—Farewell assembly at Y. M. C. A. 2 p.m.—Parade down to the Vancouver boat. All boys are asked to join the parade, and after seeing the boat away a visit will be paid by the Seattle, Tacoma and Bellingham delegations to the parliament buildings and museum.

INDEPENDENT VIEW OF NEW GOVERNMENT

Cowichan Leader on Its Land Policy and Agricultural Credits Bill

The Cowichan Leader, of Duncan, an independent newspaper published in the centre of a splendid agricultural country, has this to say in its last issue regarding the new government: "The striking political events, announced by The Leader last week have been widely discussed, and interest has lately centred on the policies outlined by the new premier. "It is a truism that history is best viewed in perspective. The critic of to-day's happenings is necessarily handicapped by ignorance of each of the myriad factors bearing on any given event or policy. Yet, it is not as he may be, it is his part to pronounce a verdict on the passing show. "We do not think that posterity will have great cause to bless the administration of the late government. To laudation in 'boom' times it has plentifully helped itself. The results of its works now set it in its rightful place. The development of agriculture is our chief interest. Where do we stand? "In the new cabinet the importance of the mining industry is amply recognized by the portfolio being entrusted to one minister's sole care. "The new premier announces that a separate ministry of agriculture is to be created. We welcome this long deferred news. He plans also to aid the farmer by borrowing money 'as quickly and as cheaply as possible.' It is well to bear in mind here his assertion that 'money, for the present, can only be obtained at excessive rates of interest.' "Before the farmer can be benefited by long term loans at low rates of interest, and before the agricultural legislation affecting loans can be effective, the war must be completed, and the credit of British Columbia enhanced by a sounder government than heretofore. "What is there to say in favor of a policy which has lauded British Columbia lands to the world, is even now, in Scottish and provincial papers, advertised 'free land to the settlers,' who that policy has failed to recognize, until too late, the basic fact that land is of value only in proportion to its proper development? To that development in British Columbia, loans to bona-fide farmers have long been and are essential. "Money is badly needed now—will be needed more urgently for the development of established agriculture. How much more it is needed for the creation of that additional agricultural development without which we shall face the aftermath of war ill equipped. "We have no dreams of 'cheap money' for the farmer for some time to come, but there are many reforms and minor policies contained in the recommendation of the agricultural commission which should be followed. This some progress can be made. To this work we hope the projected ministry of agriculture will speedily address itself. Much depends on the person selected to hold this most responsible portfolio."

CHRISTMAS CHEER AT CONVALESCENT HOME.

To the Editor:—On Christmas eve a most enjoyable time was given to the returned soldiers at the Esquimalt Convalescent Home. The wards were artistically decorated with lights, flowers and streamers of red, white and blue, the work of nurses and soldiers, each ward trying with the others to excel them in neatness, taste and design. The programme was carried out in the dining hall, which was converted into a parlour by decorations of holly, mistletoe, evergreens and twig-gated lights. The flag of Old England was everywhere present from kitchen to drawing-room. At the upper end of the room was a large Christmas tree ablaze with tapers, and laden with presents from matron, soldiers, nurses and attendants. Towards the end of the programme the matron distributed the gifts of the tree, which in variety were very great, and were the cause of much merriment, laughter and enjoyment, clearly showing that the oldest and most sedate is not far removed on a Christmas eve from the little child, when Santa Claus is going his rounds. The Esquimalt Convalescent Home is beautifully situated, overlooking the harbor, very comfortable, heated with furnace and open grates, and is kept spotlessly clean. It reflects "much credit on the matron and her staff of efficient nurses, who are bright and cheery, carrying sunshine with them from ward to ward, as they go about their work. Their bright, happy, cheerful disposition do more than any amount of medicine can do to restore to convalescence the soldiers suffering from nervous distress, and even from wounds and bruises. The patients, of whom there are forty, seem, without exception to be very content realizing that everything possible is being done for them, that skill, kindness, thoughtfulness and money can do.

MILITIA APPOINTMENTS

Officers Gazetted to Corps in Military District Number Eleven. The following militia appointments in Military District No. 11, are contained in the last issue of the Canada Gazette: "Thirty-First Regiment, British Columbia Horse—Frank Wesley Glover, Provisional Lieutenant (super-numerary). "Fifth B. C. Regiment, C. G. A.—Sylvan H. Terry and Co. Sgt.-Major Peter MacKintosh, to be Provisional Lieutenants (super-numerary). Provisional Lieut. E. S. Wise and Provisional Super-numerary Lieut. V. Westwood are permitted to retire. "British Regiment, Gordon Highlanders of Canada—Having duly qualified the following officers are gazetted in their ranks: Lieutenants Super-numerary G. Wylie-Fraser, E. Williams, C. N. Milligan, F. H. Mayhew, S. Martin and J. F. Meredith. "Eighty-Eighth Victoria Fusiliers—Lieutenants Super-numerary J. C. Bridgman, H. G. E. Pocock, E. P. Hart, A. D. Crease, J. S. Cussingham, J. R. Horton, C. G. R. Kirkpatrick, B. Harvey, L. de S. Duke, F. J. Marshall and R. H. Finlayson. "One Hundred and Fourth Regiment, Westminster Fusiliers of Canada—Jas. Scott, to be a Provisional Lieutenant (super-numerary). "Peter," said a grocer to his clerk, "I owe about \$150." "Yes, sir," I have about 400 in the safe, but the shop is empty. I think it is the right time to fail." "Yes, sir," said the courteous clerk. "But I want a plausible pretext for my creditors. You have brains, and I wish you'd think the matter over tonight." The clerk promised to think it over carefully. On entering the shop next morning the grocer found the safe open, the money gone, and in its place a note which ran as follows: "I have taken the 400, and am off to America. It is the best excuse you can give to your creditors."

CITY OFFERS BUILDING FOR USE OF BANTAMS

Would Put Up New Structure at Willows If New Battalion Mobilizes Here

"The city is prepared to put up a new building at the Willows for the accommodation of the 143rd Battalion, the Bantams, if the militia department will assent to the wishes of the people of this city and have the mobilization and training of the corps here. As was stated in this paper on Christmas eve the city council held a meeting that afternoon, following a deputation to the mayor earlier in the day from the board of trade and other public bodies, urging that the city take steps to provide accommodation for the battalion if it was necessary to do so to insure that its training should take place here. At the council meeting George Sangster, secretary of the B. C. Agricultural Society, was called into consultation. The cost of the recent buildings, the made-in-Victoria and school structures, and the accommodation available in each, was given by Mr. Sangster. There was some discussion of the use of the horse show building for the bantams, but it was pointed out against this that the building is now utilized for training by the mounted corps. The result of the discussion was that the mayor was empowered to offer to the militia department, accompanying a request that the battalion be mobilized here, a modern building for the use. This building, it was mentioned by Ald. Porter, could be made use of in connection with the Dominion exhibition, which will take place here on the first occasion following the war. It is believed that the building could be erected for between \$8,000 and \$10,000.

OUR LETTER BOX Letters addressed to the Editor and intended for publication must be short and legibly written. The longer an article the shorter its chance of insertion. All communications must bear the name of the writer. The publication or rejection of articles is a matter entirely in the discretion of the Editor. No responsibility is assumed by the paper for MSS. submitted to the Editor.



NOTICE In the Matter of the Estate of Robert Valentine Harvey, Deceased. NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having any claims against said deceased are required to send same to the undersigned, Solicitors for the Executors of the will of said deceased. And take notice that after the 31st day of December, 1915, the said Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to such claims of which they have had notice. Dated November 26, 1915. CREASE & CREASE.

NOTICE Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against William Dean, late of Gordon Head, B. C., are required to send same to the undersigned, Solicitor for the Executors of said deceased. And take notice that after the 31st day of December, 1915, the Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to such claims of which they have had notice. Dated November 26, 1915. GEO. A. MORPHY.

NOTICE Notice is hereby given that all persons having any claim or demands against the late Mary Crossley, who died on or about the 21st day of September, A. D. 1915, at the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, are requested to send by post prepaid or to deliver to the undersigned, solicitor for Edward Pearson, the executor of the said Mary Crossley, their names and addresses and full particulars in writing of their claims and statements of their accounts verified by Statutory Declaration. AND TAKE NOTICE that after the 31st day of January, 1916, the said Edward Pearson will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice; and that the said Edward Pearson will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any persons whose claims he shall not then have received notice. Dated at Victoria, B. C., the 15th day of December, A. D. 1915. W. H. LANGLEY, 35 Pemberton Bldg., Victoria, B. C. Solicitor for within-named Executor.

NOTICE Take notice that a meeting of the Creditors of the ISLAND REALTY COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the office of the Company, 511 Seymour Building, Douglas Street, Victoria, B. C., on Tuesday, the 4th day of January, A. D. 1916, at the hour of 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of determining whether an application shall be made to the Court for the appointment of any person as Liquidator in the place of or jointly with the undersigned Liquidator appointed by the Company. C. FOWLER, Liquidator.

TENDERS The Board of School Trustees of Saanich will receive offers of two acres more or less for a school site for Tillicum school. The property must not be a great distance from the intersection of Burnside and Tillicum roads. Tenders, with description of property and price, must be in the hands of the undersigned on or before January 3 at 12 noon. J. R. CARMICHAEL, Secretary, Royal Oak.

Why People Feel Depressed in the Cold Weather Why is tiredness and languor so prevalent just now? A physician explained that the cold of winter drives blood from the surface of the body to the liver. Normally one-fourth of the whole blood supply is in the liver, and when more blood is accumulated in that organ everything goes wrong. No better remedy exists than Dr. Hamilton's Pills, which are composed of such vegetable extracts as Mandrake and Butternut, and possess wonderful liver stimulating powers. It's a marvel the way Hamilton's Pills clear the blood of the poisonous humors. They put new life into worn-out bodies, build up the appetite, bring back a reserve of nerve energy, tide folks over the cold days of winter and the depressing days of spring. For your health and body comfort, get a 25c box of Dr. Hamilton's Pills to-day.

A teacher of a Sunday school class tried to impress upon her young charges the necessity of blessing the food before eating. "Billy," she asked, "what prayer does your father say before you eat your dinner?" "I dunno." "Well, what did he say this morning before breakfast?" Billy meditated; suddenly he remembered and beamed. "He said, 'You kids go slow on the butter now. It's dearer than ever now the war's on.'"



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ACQUITTED ON CHARGE
 Chinese Given the Benefit of Doubt, but Birds Had Been Stolen All Right.

Three fat ducks made several mouths water in police court when they were brought in as an exhibit in the case of Wong Yung, who was charged with having retained them in his possession, knowing them to have been stolen from Lee Gow. Suey was also arrested at the same time, he having purchased the birds from Wong at \$1 each on Christmas morning.

Suey, who keeps a restaurant at the corner of Government and Fisgard streets, was put into the witness box against Wong. He testified to buying the three ducks from Wong, who worked in the kitchen of a restaurant adjoining the birds' coming from the brickyard as he was told.

Willie E. Hill, Gordon Head road, said he had sold 20 ducks a week ago to Lee Gow, and identified the three produced in court as some of that lot.

Lee Gow is a Chinese poultry dealer and he disposed of all the ducks to Han Fah, keeper of a Fisgard street

restaurant. Nine of them he was keeping for Han Fah until five of them disappeared on Christmas morning.

Constable Florence took over the custody of Wong from Chinese, who were holding him in Suey's restaurant, and also took possession of three ducks identified by Lee Gow, which were lying with others of different color.

Wong told a rather confused story in his own defence, the gist of which was that he had been given the ducks by a man to sell. He claimed that the other men in the restaurant saw this man giving him the birds, but cross-examination developed that only one of them was present. This man, Wong Shu Hong, was sent for and his story was more or less borne out that of his kinsman.

The magistrate was of opinion that the accused did not know the birds were stolen, and in any case there was a doubt of which he was entitled to the benefit. At the same time there was no doubt the birds had been stolen from Lee Gow, and they were ordered returned to him.

The case against Suey was withdrawn. R. C. Lowe appeared for the defence in his case.

CONCERT AT JAIL
 Wilkinson Road Methodist Church Choir Entertained Inmates on Christmas Day.

The annual concert was given to the inmates of the provincial jail on Christmas day by the choir of the Wilkinson road (Strawberry Vale) Methodist church, under the auspices of the prison mission band and their leader, Mr. Noble.

The choir and visitors numbered about 50, and Rev. Mr. Redmond occupied the chair.

Four, out of a well-selected five, of the musical numbers were rendered by the choir in fine style, eliciting appreciation and encore in every instance.

The soloists, Mrs. William, Miss A. Jones and Mr. Large, were received with much applause by the delighted audience. Rev. Mr. Redmond and his family rendered in fine style a quartette, entitled, "Though Your Sins be as Scarlet," and his two sons, S. and R. Redmond, obliged with a concertina duet, which was loudly encored.

Mr. Wilson recited "Jasper's Courtship" in his inimitable style, while E. Middleton sang two old-time songs.

Not the least pleasing item was the cordial vote of thanks from the inmates of the institution, and the really able speech with which it was seconded.

An officious old dame was sneering as a young mother's awkwardness with her first baby. "I declare a woman never ought to have a baby unless she knows how to hold it," she said. "Nor a tongue!" quietly responded the young mother.

Augustus, nervously—"I-er-I-er-I-er—" Angelina, interrupting—"Well, to err is human!"

CONTEST IN SAANICH PRACTICALLY ASSURED
 Meeting Will Be Held To-morrow Evening; Electoral List Issued

Opposition to the return of the present council in Saanich is practically certain. The committee appointed by the meeting at Tolmie school last Wednesday is to hold a session to-morrow evening. Candidates for the reeveship and for some of the wards will be brought out. Reeve McGregor has not yet made a formal statement as to his intentions, but since his administration has become the subject of criticism, he is not the man to stand aside and leave other members of the council to fight. Councillor Borden would be the logical candidate of the present administration if Reeve McGregor retires, but no definite decision on the matter has been made.

There will be opposition in Ward IV, where the councillor retires, D. W. Jones and James Pim being the candidates. Ward VII is apparently vacant, as Councillor Adams has not signified his intention of re-considering his retirement, and a meeting is to be held of the ratepayers association in that ward to discuss the matter this week.

In Ward II, the association has not yet adopted a candidate, and J. W. Carey has been invited to stand. Whether Councillor Pointer will be again in the field does not yet appear definite. In Ward III, there is no probability of opposition to Councillor Somers, because he has been a strong advocate of Shelburne St. work in which the ward is chiefly interested.

It is hardly possible that the school trustees who are seeking re-election will be allowed to go back without opposition, and in that case there will be a sharp fight for office, because several points have arisen this year in the work of the board which have led to differences of opinion in the municipality.

The electoral list for Saanich is available to-day, and shows the following totals by wards:

Ward I	1915	1916
Ward II	1417	1417
Ward III	1232	1232
Ward IV	619	610
Ward V	1895	1936
Ward VI	532	540
Ward VII	474	430
Ward VIII	1587	1520
Craigflower school dist.	93	84
Total	7839	7803

The decrease is due to a smaller number of householders having registered. The two Wards II and IV, that show increases demonstrate that more people in the suburbs are owning their own property, but rather surprisingly Ward VII, another populous ward, shows a small decline.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS
LEGION OF FRONTIERSMEN.
 Frontiersmen's Headquarters, Camosun Building, 1203-5 Langley St. Dec. 27, 1915.

Meeting—A general meeting will be held at headquarters, on Wednesday, December 29, at 8 p. m. sharp, all Frontiersmen in the city and district are earnestly requested to attend. All men who have returned from the front are invited to attend this meeting and co-operate with the Frontiersmen in their work.

Parades—All parades are cancelled till after the New Year.

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CHANGE IN COST OF STREET CAR TICKETS
 B. C. E. Railway Reverts to Old System of Six for Twenty-Five Cents

TRANSFER PRIVILEGES ARE ALSO GRANTED
 Revenue From Tango Tickets Insufficient to Meet Operating Expenses

"Tango tickets" will not be sold on the city street cars after December 31. The announcement was made this morning that on and after January 1 the old system of six tickets for twenty-five cents (with transfer privileges) will be reverted to.

The following statement was given out this morning at the offices of the company:

"In May last the company announced its intention of experimenting with its street-car fares, and advertised the sale of eight tango tickets for twenty-five cents without the privilege of transfer. This experiment has now been in force for eight months, and, in spite of every effort to ensure its success, the company very much regrets to say that the results are far from satisfactory, and prove conclusively the impossibility of maintaining the present abnormally cheap fare.

"In the first place it was found that the absence of the transfer privilege with the tango ticket rendered it unpopular with a large section of the public, many of whom expressed a preference for the old green ticket, six of which were sold for twenty-five cents with transfer.

"It also has been found that the unprecedentedly low fare of 11¢ per passenger, which represents the revenue received by the company from the sale of tango tickets, is insufficient to pay the operating expenses of its city systems, and cannot therefore be continued.

"Although a larger number of passengers have traveled since the introduction of the tango ticket, the increase has not been sufficient to compensate for the reduced price.

"Each town has its own special conditions, and the conditions in Victoria are somewhat similar to those prevailing in the adjacent coast cities, except that those cities have much larger populations, with the result that the number of passengers traveling per mile of track is considerably higher than in Victoria.

"The usual street car fare on the Pacific coast is a straight six fare, and the lowest fare in force is six tickets for 25c, which is only granted in a few exceptional cases.

"Under these circumstances the company has decided, after December 31, to discontinue the sale of tango tickets.

"As the supply of tango tickets is limited, and it would be obviously unfair for them to pass into the hands of a few, the company has decided, between this date and the 31st December next, not to sell at any one time more than eight tickets (25c) to any one person at the company's offices.

"On and after January 1, 1916, six tickets will be sold for 25c and will be available in the cities of Vancouver and Victoria. The color of the tickets will be green and they will carry the privilege of a transfer.

"The company is making every effort to provide the best possible service and the patronage of its cars will permit and is at the same time endeavoring to arrange its time table so as to furnish the most frequent service for the convenience of the traveling public.

"The company does not hesitate to claim that its rolling stock, both as regards design, cleanliness and general upkeep, compares most favorably with the rolling stock provided by any other street railway company on the continent, and it will be the company's constant endeavor to provide every facility and to meet all the reasonable requirements of its patrons."

102ND BATTALION.
 New Unit Has Organized for Social Entertainment and Sport; Officials Chosen.

The 102nd battalion, C. E. F., occupying temporary quarters at Conox, organized on December 21, for social entertainment and sports. A piano has been rented and installed, and already some excellent musical talent has revealed itself, both vocal and instrumental, which augurs well for a most enjoyable season. Music is being purchased and games organized.

A concert is to be given by the battalion at New Year, and it is anticipated that a basket-ball team will soon be organized, as well as a strong association football team.

The officials of the club are: President, Acting-Corporal J. W. Barker; secretary, Private T. C. Colwell; treasurer, Sgt. J. B. Langford. The sports committee is composed of Pte. Randolph Saugstad, Pte. E. Montgomery, Jte. J. Dick, Pte. G. B. Kirby, Pte. R. Simmers and Pte. T. C. Colwell, secretary.

"Motor cars," said Mr. Chuggins, have done more than anything else to make people appreciate good roads. "But your machine is constantly breaking down, regardless of the road." "Yes, but it's a great comfort not to have to climb around in a mud hole while I am fixing it."

SOLDIERS LEAVE ON CHRISTMAS DAY
 Motor Transport Corps and Base Company, Pioneer Corps, Given Send-Off

The departure of the Motor Transport Corps and the Base Company of the Pioneer Corps on Christmas Day was a somewhat sad event for the members of those two units who had to say farewells at a time when most families are gathered together for the most joyous occasion of the whole year. It had been known for several days previously that they were to sail on the afternoon of Christmas Day, however, and crowds of citizens were down to give them a good send-off.

A leave-taking of an informally ceremonial character was given the Pioneer Corps at the new Drill hall, where they had been quartered while attached to the 103rd Battalion pending their departure. A splendid Christmas feast was served at 12 o'clock sharp, the officers joining the men. The officers of the 103rd, as well as Lieut. Verrall, O. C. of the Base Company of the Pioneers, marched down to the men's mess in time-honored fashion, each carrying his own plate, mug, knife, fork and spoon. They were received in mock gravity by the orderly officer for the day, Major Spurgin, acting in the place of Lt.-Col. Heniker, who is absent on a recruiting trip in the Okanagan and Regional-Sergeant-Major Miller.

The usual question re complaints with respect to the food was put, and in the customary manner one officer registered a protest. After that the meal went merrily. Toward the conclusion of the banquet speeches were made, Captain Barton, speaker for the absent commanding officer of the 103rd, said how pleased he was with the fine behavior of the men of the Base Company as well as of the 103rd. The battalion was sorry to lose so fine a body of men as the Pioneers, but they each and all hoped soon to meet "somewhere in France" or elsewhere on the field of battle.

Capt. Halsall also spoke, as did Major Spurgin, who thanked the men of the 103rd and the Pioneers for the splendid standard they had maintained in the regimental conduct.

Lieut. Verrall, speaking for the Pioneers, referred to the gratification which it had given them all to be attached to the 103rd Battalion. He had never anticipated having so little difficulty in raising the company of men, and the ease with which he had accomplished it was very greatly due to the assistance given by the 103rd.

At the signal for the break-up of the party cheers were given for the 103rd, for the Base Company of the Pioneers and Lieut. Verrall, and for Lt.-Col. Heniker and officers of his unit, and the rafters rang again under the sounding acclamation.

The Pioneers' band of the 50th Gordon Highlanders played the departing soldiers and their escort of officers and men from the 103rd Battalion to the C. P. R. wharf, where the men from the Imperial Motor Transport Corps joined them, and went aboard the waiting vessel. Quite a crowd of civilians was out to cheer the men as they went aboard, but as little time had been allowed between the march down and the sailing there was only a brief space for leave-taking. As the ship loaded her moorings and slipped out into the harbor, steam whistles and bells all over the city joined in the general cheering that sped the men on the first stage of their journey to the scene of the war, where they will join in "doing their bit" for the empire.

Both bodies looked splendidly fit. Of the Motor Transport Corps, which was organized by Lieut. Copeland, only a portion is going right through to the Old Country. The entire unit numbers 203, of which only 173 are going straight through, the remaining 30 to be kept in Vancouver until transportation arrangements can be made for them. They will be attached to the Army Service Corps. On Friday evening the Victoria boys were the guests of Mayor Stewart and civic officials for a motor-drive through the city.

The Pioneer Corps is 100 strong, and their commanding officer, Lieut. Verrall, was formerly attached to the 11th C. M. R. The company was organized by Captain Galsford, who was sent out from Winnipeg after the departure of Lt.-Col. Hodgins with the Pioneers' Battalion which is now in England.

DROVE WITHOUT NUMBER
 Sergeant of Mounted Rifles Charged With Offence Against Motor Traffic Act.

For having driven his motor car along Johnson street at two o'clock on the morning of December 25 without having a number attached to it Sergeant W. B. Geary, of the 11th Canadian Mounted Rifles, was this morning summoned to police court.

He asked for a week's adjournment, in order that he might see Lt.-Col. Kirkpatrick about the matter.

City Prosecutor Harrison wanted to know if the officer was not in town, and on the sergeant replying that he was, Mr. Harrison opposed such a long adjournment, and wanted to know what the reason was.

Geary stated that the commanding officer had taken over the car since July, but on it being remarked that the colonel should be himself charged with driving a car without registration, he explained further that the latter had not bought the car, but simply taken it over.

A remand until Wednesday was granted. It is understood that the officer commanding the corps considers he does not need to have a number when travelling, as the car indicates "O. H. M. S."

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Help to Make Her Dream Come True



SHE is one of some Three Million Belgians who, since they refused to sell their honor to Germany, have lived on the brink of starvation. A thriving industrial people, used to life's comforts, they have been reduced to a state where they dream, not of luxuries or pleasures, but of having enough to eat!

True to their character as the war has unmasked it, the Germans callously refuse to help the starving. The task of feeding them has been undertaken by Belgium's Allies and Neutral Nations, through the

Belgian Relief Fund

provided by voluntary contributions and administered with wonderful economy and efficiency by a neutral Commission.

Absolutely none of the supplies go to Germans, and most of the food taken into the country is paid for by Belgians who have still a little money. But to feed those who cannot pay, nearly \$2,500,000 a month is needed!

Surely no people ever deserved our sympathy and aid more than do these starving Belgians!

They face a winter of necessity, while we are living in plenty. The Fund needs regular weekly or monthly contributions rather than larger but spasmodic gifts. Let us plan to deny ourselves, if necessary—share with our needy Allies—and help to save their lives.

Send your contributions to Local or Provincial Committees or to the
 Central Executive Committee, 69 St. Peter Street, Montreal.

\$2.50 KEEPS A BELGIAN FAMILY A MONTH